

Parkland Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) Southwest Corridor Park 2015 Highlights

About PMAC

For over two decades, the Parkland Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) has provided a forum for community voice for the Southwest Corridor Park. Through PMAC and the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy (SWCPC) and others, the energy of park users and volunteers makes the Southwest Corridor Park one of the most intensely-used and most-appreciated urban parks in the state parks network.

Web: <http://swcpc.org/pmac.htm>

Have you seen?

New LED lighting – thank you to DCR!

New signs marking the entrances to the eleven community gardens designed by community volunteers and provided by DCR.

A new raised bed herb garden, developed by community partner Herbstalk, provides a new focal point along the park.

The Mary Snyder Haggerty Memorial Bench and Tree provides a remembrance for one of the planners who worked on early park design and provides inspiration for the community work that still goes into the park.



Did You Know?

PMAC meets monthly with police from the city, state, MBTA and other jurisdictions to exchange updates about public safety along the park. Police departments from three different Boston districts plus Massachusetts State Police, MBTA and university police departments serve the Southwest Corridor Park, and join together on information exchange, bicycle patrols and other safety initiatives.

100 inches of snow did not keep people indoors, and DCR staff worked tirelessly to make the SWC Park one of the best travel routes in the city.

600 responses came in to PMAC's online survey on bicycle-pedestrian path issues. This strong response demonstrates the importance of the Southwest Corridor Park to the many people who use it for walking, jogging, bicycling and more.

Our bicycle-pedestrian path ad hoc committee looked at strategies for promoting safety and a culture of courtesy and civility on the SWC path, and is working with DCR and City of Boston officials on next steps.



1,500 hours of gardening and landscaping in the park through the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy (SWCPC). These hours reflect the work of volunteers on **eighteen** volunteer days plus over 800 hours from neighbors working on their own and in small groups throughout the week.

4+ new acres of parkland plus an official SWC skateboard park coming soon. 2015 could be called "the year of public-private partnerships" because of the work of partnerships throughout the park, including the longstanding work of the SWCP Conservancy, Friends of Carleton Court Dog Park and the Community Garden Council and the newer work of the Greenway Extension and the SWC skateboard park.



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Dear Friends,

Please enjoy these **Southwest Corridor Park 2015 Highlights**. We hope you will share these highlights with others whenever you have a chance to advocate for the park and when you have the opportunity to work on community planning for the neighborhoods and streets adjacent to the park.

For over two decades, the Parkland Management Advisory Committee (PMAC), along with the companion organization the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy and other volunteer organizations, has provided a community voice and a channel for community involvement in supporting and shaping the Southwest Corridor Park.

The park brings together many thousands of people who live, work, go to school and travel along the 4.7-mile MBTA orange line corridor, from Forest Hills to Back Bay, with a diversity of park activities and interests.

PMAC starts 2016 with an expanded leadership team and a strategy for expanding membership, building on the several hundred people who are connected with us via volunteer involvement, social media, email and other online and in-person connections.

Please help us support the park:

JOIN. Go to <http://swcpc.org/pmac.htm> to become a registered member of PMAC. There is no cost to join – we just want you to be counted!

SHARE. Share these highlights with others to let them know about the good things happening in the Southwest Corridor Park.

CONNECT. Please connect with PMAC if you are working on community planning and advocacy in and around the park.

Learn more on the website at <http://swcpc.org/pmac.htm>

Thank you!

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