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The Bellwether District Awards \$51,000 to Environmental Programs Benefiting South and Southwest Philadelphia Communities, as part of Touchdowns for Sustainability Partnership with the Philadelphia Eagles

PHILADELPHIA – (April 22, 2026) – In celebration of Earth Day, The Bellwether District announced \$51,000 in grants to local environmental programs, as part of its *Touchdowns for Sustainability* partnership with the Philadelphia Eagles – an initiative that transforms on-field success into meaningful community investment.

For every touchdown scored during the Eagles’ 2025–2026 season, The Bellwether District committed funding to support environmental initiatives benefiting South and Southwest Philadelphia residents. With the Eagles scoring 46 touchdowns during the regular season, The Bellwether District went above and beyond, awarding a total of \$51,000 to organizations working to activate and enhance parks, rivers, and green spaces across South Philadelphia.

The 2026 grant recipients include:

- **\$30,000 to Fairmount Park Conservancy** to support summer programming in South and Southwest Philadelphia parks including community movie nights at Lanier Playground and Carpenter Green Park, summer music series at Julian Abele Park and Malcolm X Park, and *We Walk PHL*, a community walking initiative promoting positive health outcomes and increasing use of Philadelphia’s park system, particularly Bartram’s Garden, FDR Park and the FDR Park Southeast Asian multilingual group, Wharton Square Playground, John Heinz Wildlife Refuge, and Eastwick Regional Playground.
- **\$10,000 to Bartram’s Garden** to support community river recreation along the Tidal Schuylkill River through free fishing, boating, and new safe river access via FloatLab, an innovative 75-foot-wide floating classroom and community gathering space developed in partnership between Bartram’s Garden and Mural Arts Philadelphia and opening later this year. From the public dock and community boathouse to FloatLab

along the southern tidal wetlands, Bartram's Garden has more than a mile of riverfront neighboring The Bellwether District, offering the only safe river access to the Tidal Schuylkill River.

- **\$5,000 to Friends of Stinger Square Park** to expand youth and community programming at Stinger Square Park in Grays Ferry.
- **\$5,000 to Schuylkill River Greenways** to sponsor America250's *Philly Phlotilla*, a paddling event and festival that will send more than 100 kayakers down the Schuylkill River, in a red, white and blue procession beginning in Center City and ending at Fort Mifflin. The event highlights the historic role the Schuylkill River and Fort Mifflin played during the Revolutionary War.
- **\$500 to Discovery Pathways** in the form of a mini-grant supporting its Dragon Boat youth rowing team.
- **\$500 to Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education** in the form of a mini-grant supporting its Naturepalooza festival.

“Earth Day is a powerful reminder that real impact starts at the community level. Through our *Touchdowns for Sustainability* partnership with the Philadelphia Eagles, we’re proud to turn the excitement of every touchdown into meaningful investments that strengthen and connect neighborhoods across South and Southwest Philadelphia,” said Roberto Perez, Chief Executive Officer of HRP. “These grants support organizations that are not only enhancing parks, rivers, and green spaces, but also creating opportunities for residents to gather, stay active, and build a deeper connection to their environment. We’re honored to celebrate the incredible work of these partners and to play a role in advancing a healthier, more sustainable future for Philadelphia.”

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