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Wetland Park proposed for South Wilmington

WILMINGTON, DE – The City of Wilmington, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), and the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) have announced a new Wetland Restoration and Conservation Project in South Wilmington. The \$24 million project will create a 27 acre wetland park that will reduce excess stormwater runoff and alleviate chronic flooding in the Southbridge neighborhood. The project also proposes to create a new green space and park, including new streets and a walking and bicycling trail.

Leah Kacanda, City of Wilmington Project Manager said, “This project will spur economic and housing development and restore damaged natural habitat. In addition, needed transportation linkages between Southbridge and the Riverfront will be created.”

Councilwoman Haniffa Shabazz said, “We very excited about this project. Local residents experience flooding regularly and need better access to the Riverfront. This project will be a great benefit to the community and the city as a whole.”

To allow the opportunity for the public to learn more, see proposed design alternatives, and provide feedback, an Open House Public Workshop is being held on Wednesday, September 23, at Elbert-Palmer Elementary School's gymnasium. Attendees are welcome to stop by anytime between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, please visit www.wilmapco.org/wilmington-initiatives.



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