

Highlights 2016

Connecting Park Neighbors

For over two decades, PMAC – the Southwest Corridor Park Management Advisory Council – has been the community voice for neighbors and park users along the five miles of the Southwest Corridor Park. PMAC, along with the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy (SWCPC), provides one network for park users with myriad interests – bicycling, walking, jogging, gardening, playgrounds, sports and more – to come together to advocate for and support this popular, intensely-used urban park.



2016 Membership and Outreach

In 2016, PMAC did some of the background work essential for a volunteer network, developing updated by-laws and a new PMAC membership form. Our network continues to grow, with hundreds of people counted as PMAC members, SWCPC donors and volunteers, and followers on social media.

We continue to update our website with stories and history and have connected with the historical societies along the park as partners in maintaining this vital history.

Through new and growing partnerships with Northeastern University, Mildred Hailey/Bromley Heath Apartments, JP Time Exchange, mini-grant project recipients, and others, we have expanded our network of organizational partners along the park, with an eye toward continuing to fulfill the vision of the Southwest Corridor Park as a vibrant urban park that connects neighbors.

Mini Grant Program Launch

2016 marked the beginning of our new mini-grant program. With the support of Northeastern University, PMAC and the SWCPC provided seven mini-grants to neighborhood organizations to provide youth and family programming during the summer.

Projects included playground events for mothers and toddlers, painting in the park, photography, video production, arts and crafts, book publishing and youth leadership projects. Over 200 youth and adults participated in activities supported by these mini-grants, raising visibility and awareness for the Southwest Corridor Park while providing a variety of high quality park activities.



Park Stewardship

Over 2,000 volunteer hours tracked through SWCPC in 2016.

- ▲ 40 volunteer-maintained garden locations in the South End/Back Bay, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain sections of the park
- ▲ 25 neighborhood garden stewards
- ▲ 22 volunteer days with Boston Cares, Northeastern University, and many corporate groups
- ▲ 18 trees and 77 shrubs planted
- ▲ Annuals, perennials, decorative herbs and vegetables planted
- ▲ New cobblestone borders and flagstone walkways installed
- ▲ Watering and weeding
- ▲ New children's garden

Community Gardens: 2016 was a year of successful gardening, with squash, zinnias and more in bloom throughout the park despite the summer drought. Through PMAC and the SWCPC, a network of community garden coordinators manage the eleven community gardens in the Southwest Corridor Park.

Summer Nights: Another highlight of the 2016 summer was our informal collaboration with the DCR Summer Nights series. Throughout the summer, DCR and community partners provided cookouts, basketball games, music and more in locations throughout the park. Especially in Jackson Square, the arts and crafts and children's gardening activities supported by the SWCPC and PMAC blended in with these Summer Nights activities, a delightful illustration of the way that parks enrich communities.



Learn more by visiting our website at <http://swcpc.org> and by following us on social media.