

The Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia
Center for Environmental Policy
Town Square
Presents:

Hiding in Plain Sight **Finding the City's New Green Spaces**

January 31, 2011

6:00 p.m: Reception

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.: Program

Featuring:

Peter Harnik, Author, *Urban Green: Innovative Parks for Resurgent Cities*

Panel

- **Harris Steinberg, Executive Director, PennPraxis (Moderator)**
- **Pete Hoskins, President & CEO of Laurel Hill and West Laurel Hill Cemeteries/Member, Parks and Recreation Commission**
- **Jamie Wyper, President, Roxborough Conservancy**
- **Mark Focht, Executive Director, Fairmount Park**

Last month, the City of Philadelphia unveiled Green2015, an action plan to turn schoolyards, recreation centers, public and private vacant land into accessible green spaces. Please join us as we follow-up with innovative ideas for making the Green 2015 vision a reality.

Cities are continuously searching for new ways to make underused spaces greener and help create the next generation of great urban parks. Author Peter Harnik, in his newest book, *Urban Green: Innovative Parks for Resurgent Cities*, shares his thinking on the complexities and complications (and joys!) of creating new parks. Borrowing the best from other cities, he will discuss solutions, from reusing defunct factories and rail corridors, to eliminating parking lots and closing streets, to developing rooftop parks.

A panel of local stakeholders, facilitated by PennPraxis director Harris Steinberg, will share innovative examples of how Philadelphia is already practicing what Harnik promotes and is well on its way to achieving the goals of Green2015. Panelists include Alexander "Pete" Hoskins, president and CEO of Laurel Hill and Laurel Hill West Cemeteries, Jamie Wyper, president of the Roxborough Conservancy, and Mark Focht, executive director of Fairmount Park.

This event is sponsored by the Philadelphia Commission on Parks and Recreation, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

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