

KENNETT SQUARE BOROUGH

KS 1

Project Name

State Street Revitalization

Key Partners

Chester County Planning Commission, Kennett Trails Alliance, Kennett Library, Derck & Edson, LLC, Kennett Collaborative, Longwood Gardens

Project Focus and Location

Increase the Borough's wayfinding, placemaking, pedestrian connections and outside community spaces along State Street and adjacent roads for five main sites (Eastern Gateway, Church Alley and parking lot, Apple and Sycamore Alley, North Union Street, and Liberty Place).

- Development of a gateway while entering and exiting the Borough
- Creation of off-street pedestrian areas and pathways
- Curb bump outs, textured crosswalks, and traffic calming measures
- Improved landscaping with street trees and dense native plantings
- Signage/wayfinding improvements
- Addition of multiple pocket parks
- Increased parking opportunities
- Additional amenities such as bicycle racks, trash cans, and benches

Accomplishments to Date

- Draft design and cost analysis completed
- Multiple phases identified
- Consultant selected
- Public survey conducted
- Study was accepted by Borough Council in July 2025

Next Steps

- Public review period for each phase
- Seek additional funding sources
- Apply for permitting

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KS 2

Project Name

Borough Hall Beautification and Community Services

Key Partners

Brandywine Conservancy, DCNR, Mondragon Landscaping

Project Focus and Location

Improve the Borough Hall Complex as a community resource and habitat for native species.

- Maximize pollinator habitat through dense native plantings
- Aesthetic improvements to the Borough Hall property for ease of pedestrian access, safety, and enjoyment
- Stormwater mitigation
- Creation of additional nature-based bilingual opportunities
- Support public desire for economic development and maximize Borough assets
- Create rental spaces for community organizations to host activities and welcome guests and visitors

Accomplishments to Date

- Secured funding and consultant for the installation of native plant species, to be maintained by municipal staff
- Secured organizations that provide community services as tenants of Borough Hall

Next Steps

- Support tenants and visitors for accessibility, convenience and well-being
- Cultivate establishment of native plant species
- Install bilingual education signage for the plantings
- Incorporate plantings into the Meadowitos network throughout the Borough, see KS 9

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KS 3

Project Name

Birch Street Transformation Project

Key Partners

Square Roots Collective, Commonwealth Financing Authority's Multimodal Transportation Fund, Chester County Community Revitalization Program

Project Focus and Location

Approximately 1,675 feet of roadway between South Broad Street and South Walnut Street will be reconstructed, incorporating new pedestrian and conservation-oriented improvements to develop Birch Street into a hub of residences, arts, culture, and gathering space all coexisting together.

- Pedestrian pathways and park spaces to connect to Red Clay Trail and the Kennett Greenway
- Stormwater management and infrastructure
- Restoration of ecological habitats and streambank stabilization
- Creation of additional public education and engagement opportunities
- Supporting economic development between Kennett High School and the town center

Accomplishments to Date

- \$3 million dollars in funding secured
- Installed storm sewer inlets and pipelines
- Installed road curbing & sidewalks

Next Steps

- Install crosswalks
- Install multi-use trail
- Reconstruct roadway
- Streambank and habitat restoration

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KS 4

Project Name

Sidewalk and Bike/Pedway Study

Key Partners

Kennett Township, Chester County Planning Commission, PennDOT, DCNR, DCED, East Marlborough Township, Longwood Gardens

Project Focus and Location

Expand and enhance pedestrian connections throughout the Borough Road into existing connections of Kennett Township and surrounding municipalities. Continue the implementation efforts of *Planning Kennett Connections* and the State Street Revitalization Project.

Areas identified for new pedestrian-centric spaces and safe pathways include:

- Eastern Gateway of State Street, Millers Hill and Cypress Street
- Church Alley and parking lot
- Apple and Sycamore Alley
- North Union Street, see KT 8 within Kennett Township's Portfolio
- Liberty Place
- Birch Street

Bike Routes identified include:

- West South Street- Scarlet Road
- South Union Sycamore, South Broad, Cypress- North/South Bike Paths
- East South Street
- Walnut to Longwood Bike Route, see KT 9 within Kennett Township's portfolio
- Rosedale to Hillendale Bike Route, see KT 1 within Kennett Township's portfolio

Accomplishments to Date

- Completed *Planning Kennett Connections*, a multi-municipal bicycle and pedestrian plan with Kennett Square Borough, East Marlborough Township and Kennett Township
- Goals supported by the implementation of State Street Revitalization and Birch Street projects

Next Steps

- Seek additional funding sources

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KS 5

Project Name

Bicycle Route Connections

Key Partners

Kennett Township, East Marlborough Township, Kennett Library, Kennett Trails Alliance, Bike Kennett, Kennett Area Parks Authority

Project Focus and Location

Expand and enhance bicycle connections and facilities throughout the Borough with existing connections of Kennett Township and surrounding municipalities. Continue the implementation efforts of *Planning Kennett Connections*.

- West South St- Scarlet Road
- South Union, Sycamore, South Broad, Cypress- North/ South Bike Paths
- East South Street
- Birch Street
- State Street/ Millers Hill
- Walnut to Longwood Bike Route, see KT 9 within Kennett Township's portfolio
- Rosedale to Hillendale Bike Route, see KT 1 within Kennett Township's portfolio
- North Union Street Bike Route, see KT 8 within Kennett Township's portfolio

Accomplishments to Date

- Coordination with Kennett Township Planning Commission
- Completed *Planning Kennett Connections*, a multi-municipal bicycle and pedestrian
- Goals supported by the implementation of State Street Revitalization and Birch Street projects
- Bicycle shelter, racks, rental program and mechanic station installed at Kennett Library

Next Steps

- Seek additional funding sources

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KS 6

Project Name

East Branch Red Clay Green Corridor

Key Partners

Kennett Trails Alliance, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, Kennett Area Parks Authority, Brandywine Conservancy, DCNR

Project Focus and Location

Ecological restoration of the East Branch Red Clay Creek, including 40 acres from State Street to Birch Street and within Anson B. Nixon Park.

- Stream restoration including stabilization and native riparian buffer plantings
- Economic sustainability and downtown revitalization
- Climate mitigation and reduction of flood impacts
- Stormwater management and green stormwater infrastructure where applicable
- All-access recreational opportunities, creek access and trail development to support the development of the Kennett Greenway and connections to bike and pedestrian networks

Accomplishments to Date

- Cypress Beach Park completed with creek access for all mobilities, bilingual interpretive signage, native plantings, streambank restoration, riparian buffers and green stormwater infrastructure
- Funding for streambank stabilization and native riparian tree plantings within Anson B. Nixon Park granted through the Brandywine Creek Greenway Mini Grant Program
- Coordination with Kennett Township for conservation of the entire green corridor, see KT 3 in Kennett Township's portfolio
- Coordination to implement the Kennett Greenway, see KS 8 in this portfolio

Next Steps

- Garner public support
- Seek additional funding sources
- Develop engineering and design for future sections

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KS 7

Project Name

Downtown Treescapes

Key Partners

Kennett Square Shade Tree Commission, Kennett Collaborative, Kennett Area Park Authority

Project Focus and Location

Support healthy shade trees along State Street, Cypress Avenue, North Union Street, Birch Street, Church, Apple and Sycamore Alleys and all streets within the Borough.

- Supports economic activity and downtown revitalization
- Native plantings support wildlife habitats
- Increase climate resilience and mitigation against extreme weather
- Smart planning and public engagement leads to the best species selection for the space and continued maintenance over the lifetime of the tree and its subsequent future replacement

Accomplishments to Date

- Inventory of existing street tree resources

Next Steps

- Receive public review and landowner support
- Draft concept design and select specific plant species
- Seek additional funding sources
- Apply for permitting

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KS 8

Project Name

Kennett Greenway

Key Partners

Kennett Trails Alliance (lead), Kennett Township, East Marlborough Township, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, Bike Kennett, Green Roots Landscaping, Kennett High School, Kennett Area Park Authority, Kennett Area YMCA

Project Focus and Location

The Kennett Greenway is a pedestrian and bicycle trail loop through Kennett Township and Kennett Square Borough, that will link valuable community assets, businesses, schools and public open spaces. Includes riparian buffer restoration and enhancement efforts in association with the trail.

- 14-mile ADA-compliant hard surface pathway
- Link sidewalks and natural path trails to parks and public amenities
- Opportunity for collaborative stormwater mitigation
- Streambank restoration along branches of the Red Clay Creek
- Creation of additional nature-based bilingual opportunities for education and artistic expression

Accomplishments to Date

- Secured funding from state and county grants, along with municipal funds
- Birch Street Streetscape - underway
- Cypress Beach Park - completed
- Red Clay Trail - underway
- Parrish Property Implementation, Kennett Township - underway
- Magnolia Underpass, Kennett Township - envisioned

Next Steps

- Continue future connections to Chandler Mill Greenway
- Restore additional segments of the branches of the Red Clay Creek
- Construction and paving of ADA pathways extending to Hillendale Road
- Installation of bilingual educational signage and community programming

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KS 9

Project Name

Meadowitos

Key Partners

Kennett Library (lead), Mt Cuba Center, Brandywine Conservancy, DCNR, Kennett Area YMCA, Kennett Area Senior Center, Kennett Area Park Authority, volunteers

Project Focus and Location

Pocket gardens in planters, medians, walkways and other small spaces of exposed soil are planted with dense native plantings throughout the Borough and in neighboring communities.

- Bilingual public education opportunities
- Native plantings support wildlife habitat and pollinators
- Reduction of stormwater runoff by optimizing pervious surfaces

Accomplishments to Date

- 4 sites within the Borough developed through public and private funding
- Established website project page and social media platforms for engagement

Next Steps

- Development of a species inventory of the Meadowitos network within the Borough
- Expansion of existing and new Meadowitos by securing additional funding
- Interpretative bilingual signage for additional educational opportunities
- Continued maintenance and volunteer support

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KS 10

Project Name

Environmental- and Heritage-Focused Community Programming

Key Partners

Kennett Collaborative (lead), Kennett Library, Kennett Area Park Authority, Kennett Trails Alliance

Project Focus and Location

Offering of public engagement and education opportunities at collaborative community events that highlight partnerships, conservation of natural resources and supporting cultural heritage of the surrounding landscapes through native plantings, climate mitigation, and community resilience.

- Farmers Market
- Third Thursday
- Walking the Trails
- Kennett Library Programming – ex: Water/ROOTS
- Additional programming by other community organizations

Accomplishments to Date

- Multiple series of educational events offered at public community facilities
- Open air markets for agricultural products and handmade goods
- Seasonal series of downtown community events, parades and programming

Next Steps

- Continue to develop public support through outreach
- Secure funding to ensure long-term sustainability in addition to municipal and non-profit support

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KS 11

Project Name

Anson B. Nixon Park Enhancements

Key Partners

Kennett Area Parks Authority, Friends of Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Township, multiple state, county, private and non-profit partners

Project Focus and Location

Located within both Kennett Square Borough and Kennett Township, Anson B. Nixon Park includes a branch of the Red Clay Creek, two large ponds, 3 miles of trails and features many public facilities for a multitude of active and passive recreational opportunities.

- Streambank stabilization
- Trail development for accessibility and stabilization for storm events and flooding
- Additional amenities for people and pets
- Dog park improvements
- Incentivization for visitors to visit less heavily trafficked areas of the park
- Educational programming
- Pond health and literacy programming

Accomplishments to Date

- Funded and completed projects include Ash Grove Forest Restoration and riparian buffer plantings
- Draft design and cost analysis completed
- Multiple phases identified
- Volunteers mobilized for implementation of new plantings

Next Steps

- Coordinate with Kennett Township for municipal water facility improvements on site
- Seek additional funding sources
- Apply for permitting if needed