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Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership Organization Overview

The 29 square mile Tookany/Tacony-Frankford watershed is located in southeast Pennsylvania, within and just outside the city of Philadelphia. The region is home to more than 350,000 people with a range of income levels and ethnicities. The Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Creek that drains the watershed experiences all of the usual urban ills including litter and illegal dumping,, channelization of portions of the stream, steeply eroded stream banks, degraded habitat, and poor water quality.

Ideally, the creek should serve as a place for recreation, inspiration, and community connection. The Philadelphia Water Department initiated the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF) in 2000 with a mission to enhance the health and vitality of the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Creek and its watershed. TTF was incorporated in 2005 as a non-profit organization that acts as the crucial link connecting residents, businesses and government as neighbors and stewards of this impaired, but critically important watershed. Through educational programming, community outreach, networking services, and project coordination, the partnership facilitates, supports, and initiates efforts to restore the health of the watershed and to mobilize its communities as watershed stewards.

The partnership was integral in developing the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Integrated Watershed Management Plan, a blueprint for restoring this urban stream to a community asset while addressing the mandated requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Federal Stormwater Permit Program. TTF is currently working to implement the management plan while advancing a wide range of initiatives for the good of the watershed.