



## July 26, 2016 Meeting Highlights

**Task Force Attendees:** Ken Boyle, Paul Glover, Rev. Ricci Hausley, James Hopkins, Peter Meyer, Patrick Miner, Sari Steuber, Shoshana Akins (Staff), Laura An (Staff), Barry Seymour (Staff), Betsy Mastaglio (Staff), Patty Elkis (Staff), Chris Anderson (Presenter), John Rogers (Presenter)

**Additional Attendees:** Jasper Jones, Kathyn Pearlstine Freilich, Caleb Fritz, Will Brugger, Amanda Lafty, Karen Whitaker, Patrice Martin, M. Richard Nalbandian, Sara Arkson, Alexis Williams, Tracey Colton, Kyle Johnson, Lorianne Defalco, Feung Ah Byun, Stefan Rukowicz, Michael Granter, Susan Myeron, Jason Trenchard, Karen Scott

### Welcome and Meeting Overview

Shoshana Akins opened the meeting with a brief overview of the agenda and welcomed all the attendees. Peter Meyer, Chair of the PPTF, facilitated introductions. All members and attendees reported out about their county of residence and background. The attendees then heard three presentations on the economic value of green infrastructure.

### Presentations

#### **Return on Environment...** *Patty Elkis, Director of Planning, DVRPC*

Patty Elkis presented on the DVRPC's *Return on Environment* report, giving background on the study, the concepts detailed in the report, and current ways people can engage with this ongoing effort.

#### **Water Infrastructure in Philadelphia...** *Chris Anderson, Watersheds Program Manager, Philadelphia Water Department*

Chris Anderson presented on the City of Philadelphia's water initiatives and their incorporation of greening, public outreach, and community inclusion in their programs. This included highlighting the current developments of the Water Department's projects and detailing the outlook for future progress in greening.

**ROE: Economics and Greening...** *John Rogers, Principal, Keystone Conservation Trust*

John Rogers presented on the Keystone Conservation Trust's concurrent and ongoing work off of DVRPC's *Return on Environment* report. This presentation detailed the importance of communicating the economic value of green space and how this value can be leveraged to change policies and programs.

**Panel Discussion...** *Patty Elkis, Chris Anderson, John Rogers*

A panel discussion was facilitated by Shoshana Akins. Attendees asked questions about specific projects within the panelists' organizations and general thoughts on the economics of greening.

**Closing ...** *Peter Meyer, Chair of the Public Participation Task Force*

Peter Meyer closed the meeting with a few summary comments and thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting.

**Member Discussion and Networking...** *all attendees*

Many attendees stayed after to network and gather additional DVRPC reports and resources.

Committee Business and Upcoming Outreach, Events, and News

Shoshana Akins announced that the next Task Force meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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