Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission African American Heritage Tour Panel

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Mural Arts Program 7th Ward mural detail photo by Monifa LaGrone



- The Philadelphia African American Heritage Tour is a first step in creating an African American Historic Preservation Trail (AAHPT) which can serve as a model for addressing environmental justice issues in communities of color by:
 - □ Improving streetscapes
 - □ Providing health and wellness awareness
 - Ensuring permanent recognition of historical significance of African Americans' contributions to local, national and world events.



Tour Planning Stakeholder Committee

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia

Philadelphia City Planning Commission

Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator, Mayor's Office of Transportation & Utilities

Community Marketing Concepts

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Multicultural Affairs Congress, PA Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Preservation Alliance

Philadelphia City Representative

Uptown Entertainment and Development Corporation

Greater Philadelphia Tourism and Marketing Corporation



Trail Anchor Site Stakeholder Committee

ACES Museum

African American Museum in Philadelphia

Belmont Mansion

Friends of Historic Eden Cemetery (Collingdale, PA)

Johnson House Historic Site

Lest We Forget – Black Holocaust Museum of Slavery

Richard Allen Museum at Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church

Tindley Temple United Methodist Church

West Philadelphia Cultural Alliance - Paul Robeson House

Uptown Theater

Trail Next Steps

- Five Tours Planned
 - □ 7th Ward The Genesis of the African American Community
 - □ North Philadelphia Echoes of The Great Migration
 - Music as an Expression of Culture
 - □ Religious Institutions as Community Builders
 - □ Underground Rail Road to Civil Rights Pathways to Freedom
- Link to the Circuit- Delaware Valley Regional Trail Network
- African American Historic Preservation Trail Program
 - □ Creating Tour Content
 - Scheduling Tours
 - Training Guides
 - ☐ High Tech Applications

Draft map of North Philadelphia tour North Broad Street Station Aithur Lee Hat (1934-2000) Dauphin St Philadelphia Doll Museum Uptown Reunion Pagri Balley House Philadelphia Pyramid Club A Celebration of Poetry Artsolutely Awesome V Metropolitan Opera House

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