



Making Connections in Lower Merion Township



IN PROGRESS Lighting the Manayunk Bridge

Currently, the Manayunk Bridge closes at dusk because of a lack of lighting. A grant obtained by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation is planned to add lighting to the bridge in mid-2019.



FUTURE Restoring the Towpath Bridge

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad's Towpath Bridge, built in 1889, extended the Manayunk Canal into Lower Merion. It was used by Norfolk Southern for freight service until recently. If put in use as part of the trail network, this bridge would become the Schuylkill River Trail's link from the Wissahickon Gateway to the Towpath Trail.

FUTURE Lighting the Cynwyd Trail

Currently, there is no lighting along the Cynwyd Heritage Trail, but Township recreation fees will fund a mid-2019 study to add lighting, with possible installation in 2020.



COMPLETE Pencoyd Bridge & Trail

The privately restored Pencoyd Bridge provides public access from Lower Merion to the Schuylkill River Trail and Wissahickon Trails.

ROCK HILL ROAD MULTI-PURPOSE PATH IN PROGRESS



FUTURE Barmouth Trailhead Redesign

One of the main gateways to the Cynwyd Heritage Trail is the Barmouth trailhead. A plan by SALT Design Studio and funded by the non-profit Friends of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail is envisioning covered pavilions, expanded parking, improvements to the Belmont Avenue vehicular entrance, shade trees, gathering spaces, and stormwater management.



IN PROGRESS Pencoyd Landing

A multi-purpose private redevelopment project on the site of the former Connelly Container property (originally the Pencoyd Iron Works) with public amenities including a new pedestrian plaza, trail expansion, and the Pencoyd Bridge restoration.



COMPLETE Bala Village Connection

The reconstruction of BMW of the Main Line created an opportunity to make a trail connection through the dealership, linking the trail and Cynwyd Station with a new public parking garage and the commercial district of Bala Cynwyd Commercial District.

IN PROGRESS City Avenue Multi-Use Trails

The orange lines represent a network of connected pathways implemented through redevelopment and modernization of City Avenue office parks. New and upcoming development projects are shown with purple dots.

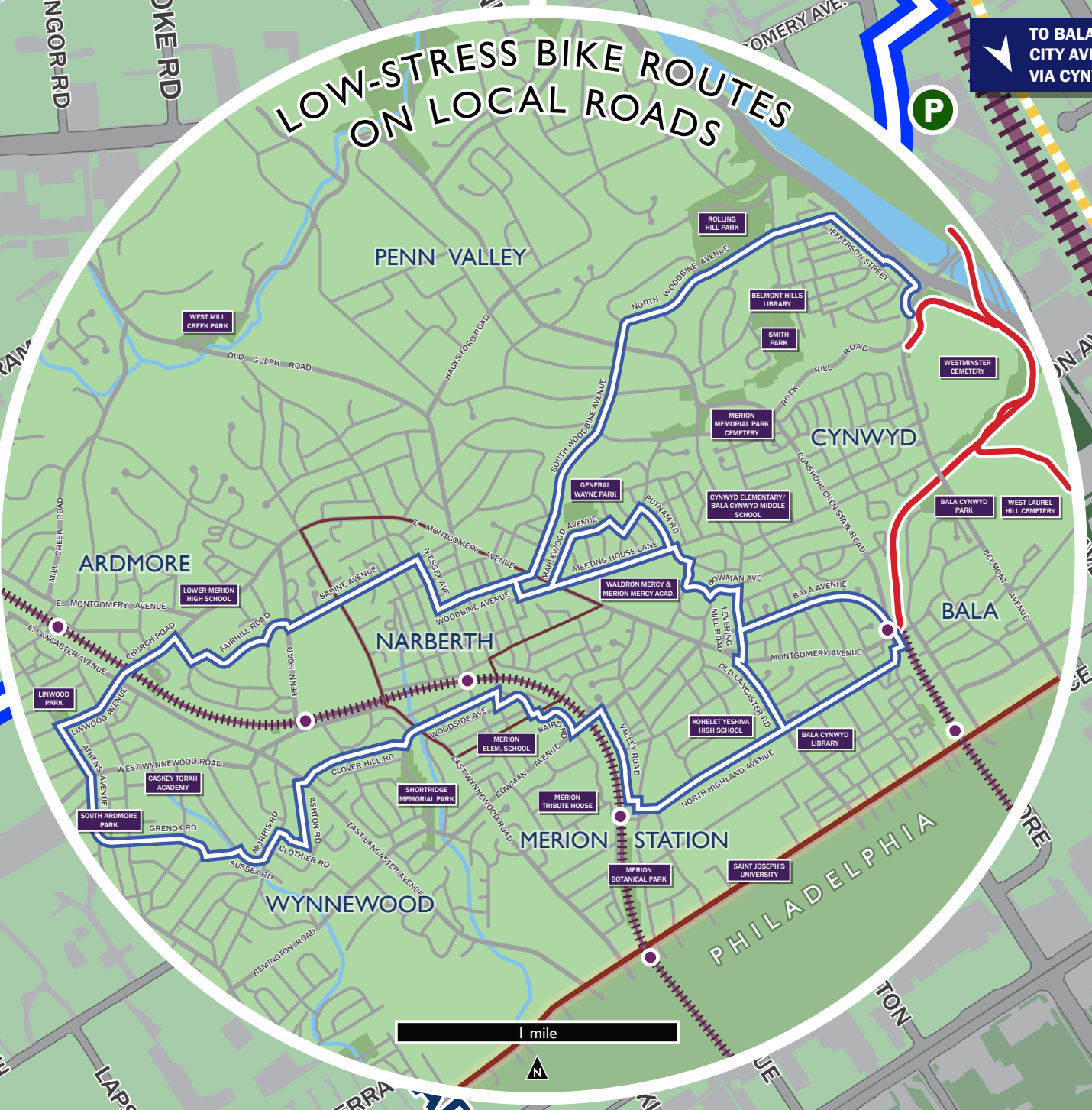


COMPLETE Pedestrian Crossing

New redevelopments have allowed for improvements like "road diets," bike lanes, and pedestrian crosswalks, like this one on Presidential Boulevard.

COMPLETE Low-Stress Bike Routes

This network of local roads has been identified as a safe, low-stress route to connect both ends of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail with Narberth, Merion Station, Wynnewood, and Ardmore.



FUTURE Bala Station Trail Extension

The Cynwyd Heritage Trail is set to be extended to Bala train station and beyond. A grant from DVRPC has been obtained to extend the trail to City Avenue, expected for completion in mid-2020. Continuation of the trail into Philadelphia is planned for the future.

FUTURE PARKSIDE-CYNWYD TRAIL BY OTHERS

LEGEND

- Cynwyd Heritage Trail & Extensions
- City Avenue Pathways
- Future Trail Extensions
- Rail Line
- Transit Station
- Trailhead
- Parking
- Restroom

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