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Re: Public Comment for the Draft DARP/EA for the Athos Oil Spill

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to fully support the recommendations listed in the Draft DARP/EA for the Athos Oil Spill. Fairmount Park and the Delaware River City Corporation are working together to implement an extensive 11-mile riverfront greenway project in northeast Philadelphia, the North Delaware Riverfront Greenway. Lardner's Point Park is an important element of this plan, and we are extremely pleased that the shoreline restoration at Lardner's Point was included as a mitigation project in the DARP. Over \$750,000 has already been raised for construction of the park, and the shoreline and wetland work included in the DARP will greatly enhance the ecological benefit of this park, which will be built on a brownfield site in a formerly industrial section of Philadelphia.

The park is a signature project that will reconnect Philadelphians to the riverfront, providing much needed recreational amenities as well as significant environmental education opportunities. Our organizations have worked together on several other park and trail implementation projects, and we are dedicated to completing the Lardner's Point Park project in keeping with the goals of the DARP. Therefore, we fully support the implementation of the Lardner's Point project as a mitigation project for the damages sustained in the Athos oil spill.

Sincerely,

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- Allens Lane
- Awbury Park
- Bartram's Garden
- Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- Bradford Park
- Burholme Park
- Carpenter's Woods
- Carroll Park
- Christ Church Park
- Clifford Park
- Cloverly Park
- Cobbs Creek Park
- East Fairmount Park
- Fernhill Park
- Fisher Park
- Fluehr Park
- Fox Chase Farm
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
- Franklin Square
- Franklinton Park
- Germany Hill
- Glen Foerd
- Harper's Hollow Park
- Holme Crispin Park
- Hunting Park
- I-95 Park
- John F. Kennedy Plaza
- Kay Park
- Kemble Park
- La Noce Park
- Logan Square
- Loudoun Park
- Manatawna Farm
- Manayunk Canal
- Marconi Plaza
- McMichael Park
- Morris Park
- Palmer Park
- Pastorius Park
- Penn Treaty Park
- Pennypack Park
- Poquessing Creek Park
- Rittenhouse Square
- Roosevelt Boulevard
- Schuylkill River Park
- Somerton Woods
- Southern Boulevard
- Stephen Girard Park
- Tacony Creek Park
- Wakefield Park
- Washington Square
- West Fairmount Park
- Wissahickon Valley Park
- Wister's Woods Park
- Wooden Bridge Run
- Woodward Pines

- Cobbs Creek Golf Course
- F.D. Roosevelt Golf Course
- John Byrne Golf Course
- Juniata Golf Course
- Karakung Golf Course
- Walnut Lane Golf Course

