

Penn Hills is a Tree City USA!

Since 2019, Penn Hills has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and has also received the Growth Award each year for demonstrating a higher level of tree care and community engagement.

Join us at an event and meet our wonderful community of volunteers.



PHSTC Projects

Penn Hills Arbor Day Celebration
The PHSTC organizes a tree planting event to celebrate Arbor Day every spring.

TreeVitalize Partnership
The PHSTC partners with TreeVitalize to plant street trees making our community more attractive for prospective restaurant and business owners. Shoppers shop more often, longer, and are willing to spend more in a well-landscaped business district.



PHSTC Projects

Front Yard Tree Project
The PHSTC organizes a free tree planting event for one residential street each spring and fall to add beauty to the neighborhood, provide a host of environmental benefits and increase our residential property values.

Please contact us if you would like to nominate your street.

Plum Creek Project
In 2018, the PHSTC began a 3 year effort to remove invasive plants, such as Japanese knotweed, and replace them with over 100 native trees and shrubs, along with native grasses and wildflowers. This project was funded by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and a Sierra Club Huplits Wildlife Grant.



Who We Are:

Kathy Raborn -Chairperson,
Horticulturist, Landscape Designer,
PH Monarch & Milkweed Project

Rick Duncan - Archeologist,
GIS Mapping & Database Consultant
ALT Steward for Sycamore Island

Sandy Feather -Educator,
Penn State Extension
ISA Certified Arborist

Tori DeJohn -Mechanical Engineer,
PHCDC, PH Anti-Litter Group

Betty Arentz - Nonprofit Manager,
Retired COO and Senior VP
of John Heinz History Center

Jill Daly - Retired Health and
Science Writer and Editor
Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Laurie Follweiler - Horticulturist,
Plant Growth Facilities Manager at
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To make a donation:



Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission

Established in 2017 by municipal ordinance, the Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission is a group of volunteers who are working to make Penn Hills a more environmentally sustainable community by planting trees and organizing environmental projects. In 2018, we became fiscal partners with the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation, enabling us to apply for non-profit grants to fund our projects.

