

# Ecological Assessments



**Overview** The Allegheny County Parks Foundation has conducted ecological assessments for four of Allegheny County's nine parks. These comprehensive studies evaluate each park's natural resources and ecological assets and recommend an implementation plan for improving the environment of the park. The Parks Foundation has used these to guide a number of projects, often with the help of volunteers from the community, schools and corporations. Projects recommended by these assessments include planting trees, meadows and rain gardens to reduce and improve the quality of stormwater runoff. We have received funding for two additional ecological assessments, in White Oak and Round Hill Parks, and we will perform ecological assessments in the remaining three parks as funding becomes available.

Learn more: [Boyce Park](#)  
[Hartwood Acres Park](#)  
[Settlers Cabin Park](#)  
[South Park](#)

**Partners** Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

**Funding** Boyce Park: PNC Foundation and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy  
 Hartwood Acres Park: Benedum Foundation and Garden Club of Allegheny County  
 Settlers Cabin Park: Benedum Foundation  
 South Park: PNC Foundation and The Heinz Endowments

## **Allegheny County Parks Foundation**

We work together to improve, conserve, and restore the nine Allegheny County parks.