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## **FINAL DESIGN TO START FOR NEW RIVERFRONT PARK IN BRIDESBURG NOVEMBER 18th**

*New Park to Transform Former Industrial Site into Community Space Along the Delaware River*

**WHAT:** Commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell, Councilman Bobby Henon, former Congressman Robert A. Borski, and other special guests will gather with members of the community at the site of the future Riverfront Park in Bridesburg to announce the start of the final design of the 10-acre parcel. This important step brings this long-awaited project closer to becoming a reality. The new park is planned at the intersection of Orthodox Street and Delaware Avenue in the Bridesburg section of the city. It will be the newest addition to the North Delaware Riverfront Greenway, a planned 11-mile section of trails and parks along the Delaware River in Northeast Philadelphia.

The 10-acre park will be designed by Langan mostly for passive use with a focus on ecological restoration. The design project is being funded by the William Penn Foundation and the City of Philadelphia, and will be managed by the City of Philadelphia in partnership with the Delaware River City Corporation. The trailhead park will connect directly with the existing Port Richmond Trail and Delaware Avenue Extension to the south, and in the future, will connect to the existing K&T Trail to the north.

**WHEN:** November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 11am (Saturday)

**WHERE:** Future Site of the Bridesburg Riverfront Park  
The intersection of Orthodox Street and Delaware Avenue.

**WHO:** Shawn McCaney - Executive Director, William Penn Foundation  
Bobby Henon – Councilman, Philadelphia's 6th District  
Kathryn Ott Lovell – Commissioner, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
Robert A. Borski – Chairman of the Board, DRCC  
Joseph Slabinski – President, Bridesburg Community Development Corporation

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***About Delaware River City Corp. (DRCC)***

DRCC is a non-profit organization that works to transform the under-utilized North Delaware riverfront corridor in Northeast Philadelphia. DRCC strives to complete and sustain the riverfront trail and network of parks along the Delaware River that connect residents of urban neighborhoods to nature, offering recreational, community building, and environmental education activities. For more information on DRCC's past and current projects, please visit their website at [www.drcc-phila.org](http://www.drcc-phila.org) or contact us at 215-425-8350.

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