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## August Wilson Park Celebrates Community Vision

### A better place for play in the Hill District

**Y**our support allows a community's vision to come alive. Hill District residents have never failed to believe in the beauty and value of their neighborhood. In the 1970s, they worked to turn a steeply-inclined land parcel into what was then known as Cliffside Park.



*"August Wilson Park is one of many treasures in the Historic Hill District, a place that grabs your heart and invites you back again and again."* – Terri Baltimore, Hill House Association

**B**y the early 2000s the park was seriously deteriorated. Led by the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, in partnership with the City of Pittsburgh's Public Works, Parks, and Planning Departments, and community groups including Hill House Association and the Cliff Street Block Club, the idea for a major re-imagining began to take shape.

the design decisions and the personal connection to park users was a constant inspiration. Public input sessions identified community priorities for the park, and the renovation journey began.

**R**e-opened in August 2016, August Wilson Park highlights the

community's artistic heritage. Ten quotes, one from each of August Wilson's ten plays in the American Century Cycle, are installed on a wall at the park's lower landing. Renowned Pittsburgh photographer Charles "Teenie" Harris's work is also close by. Harris's photographs are printed on windscreen material

and mounted on the fencing of the half-basketball court that hugs the lower edge of the park.

**B**ecause of you, this special park is once again a community jewel. 🌟

**T**he steep geography of the site drove many of



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Park champions like you

# Steve Harvan, Urban EcoSteward

Volunteer recognized with Jefferson Award for Public Service

**A**s an Urban EcoSteward, Steve has been volunteering with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy for six years. He independently works his own plot for a few hours every month to transform the land. He spends most of his time

removing invasive porcelain berry and garlic mustard.

**“T**o see the difference you make to the ecology of even one small area is rewarding when you see the damage invasives can do in other places.” 🌿



Invasive plants out compete natives and hurt biodiversity



Programs you make possible

## Parks Rx is exactly what the doctor ordered

### You help get kids outside

**Y**ou may have spent all day playing outside as a child. Many children today don't get outside for playtime. The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy in partnership with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and a host of local organizations has developed Pittsburgh Parks Prescription (Parks Rx).

**T**his program emphasizes the importance of getting kids into their local parks. There

are three pathways for children to participate in Parks Prescription: through schools, community organizations, and clinical instruction. With your support, children are given a custom packet that contains park information and activities to encourage them to play outside.

**A**nne Marie Kuchera, Project Director for Community Benefit Initiatives at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC stresses the importance of kids getting outside early and

often to form healthy habits for their entire lives. "Every day we see the health benefits of getting kids outside on a regular basis, from a reduction in risk for childhood weight problems, to increased muscle strength,

improved mood, and overall health," said Ms. Kuchera. "We're happy to be a Pittsburgh Parks Rx partner, to help put kids on the trail to a lifetime of good health."

**V**isit [PittsburghParks.org/Rx](http://PittsburghParks.org/Rx). 🌿

*"The social skills learned outside, and the appreciation and respect of your surroundings are key to being healthy, contributing members of a community."*

- Lauren Byrne, Executive Director, Lawrenceville United



Only 20% of city schools provide opportunities to participate in physical activity outside of class

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You transform our cherished spaces

# Then and Now: Westinghouse Memorial

## You restored a masterpiece

**T**he Westinghouse Memorial, originally financed by small donations from over 55,000 Westinghouse employees, encompasses history, art, and natural beauty in Schenley Park. Dedicated in 1930, Architects Henry Hornbostel and Eric Fisher Wood designed the monument and surrounding landscape and Daniel Chester French (sculptor of the Abraham Lincoln statue in the Lincoln Memorial) was the sculptor.

**O**ver time the monument and lily pond declined with age. The pond's plumbing system collapsed and the water drained away, the deteriorating bronze statue was in need of restoration, and the walkways needed some repairs.

**T**hanks to you, with the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has completed the \$2.5 million restoration of the monument, pond, and surrounding landscape, including green infrastructure elements.

**F**undraising for the ongoing maintenance of this important tribute to one of Pittsburgh's great industrialists is ongoing. 🌱



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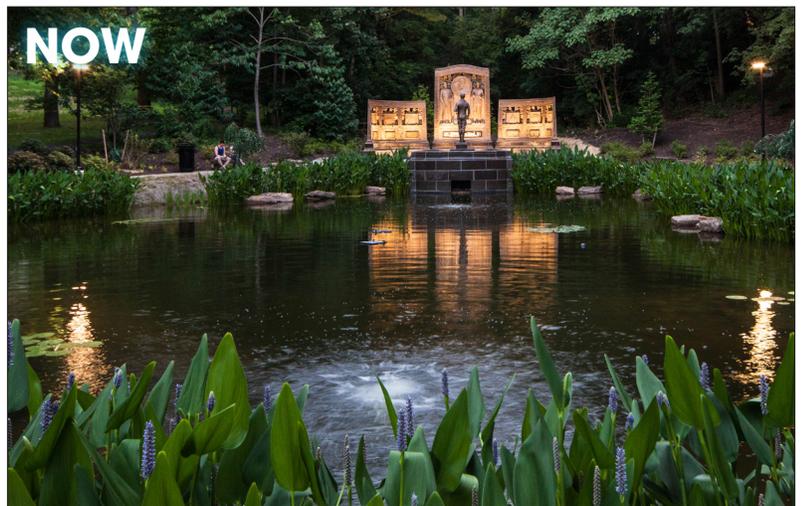


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# Terri Baltimore

## Hill House Association Director of Neighborhood Engagement is a park friend and activist

**L**ong-time champion of August Wilson Park, Terri Baltimore is a vital partner to the Parks Conservancy. As the Director of Neighborhood Engagement at Hill House Association, Terri has completed many strategic projects with local organizations to better the community. One of these projects is the Greenprint plan.

**G**reenprint for the Hill District, by Walter Hood Design Studio, envisions reconnecting the people of the Hill District to their unique landscape and connecting the Hill District to the city as a whole. Produced by a partnership of Hill House Association, Community Partners Institute, Hill District Consensus Group, and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy – the Greenprint provides a practical framework for a beautiful urban landscape around which housing, commercial development, transportation, the arts, and community services can be woven.



Terri Baltimore and Walter Hood look over the Greenprint plan



Photo credit: Scott Keller

Terri Baltimore has given her energy to Hill House Association for 20 years

**A** major inaugural piece of this vision has been realized – the completed renovation of August Wilson Park. Through the design’s clever use of this challenging space, park-goers can have multiple experiences and end the day watching the sun set from one of the city’s best viewing spots. Terri’s hard work and determination on behalf of the Hill was

instrumental to this project’s success.

**“A**ugust Wilson Park is a tribute to Hill District residents and their unshakeable belief that a rejuvenated park could rise on the site of a care worn play area. It’s a story of the love, patience and commitment of the immediate neighbors – stewards all.”

## Parks Rx \$50 for 5 prescriptions

Parks Rx gets kids into their local parks through connections with their school, community, and healthcare providers.



I would like to give

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