Campus & Community

Penn Connects 3.0 includes multiple open space projects that improve the public realm of the campus and its surrounding urban context.

These projects will enhance the campus experience for pedestrians and cyclists and physically improve connections to the City beyond.

Streetscape plans will prioritize pedestrian safety and incorporate significant elements of bicycle infrastructure and stormwater management.
WOODLAND WALK, 3600 BLOCK
The restoration of Woodland Walk from 36th Street to 37th Street will replace and restore trees, paving, benches and lighting to evoke the original 1957 design by Ian McHarg. Accessible pedestrian pathways, sustainable stormwater management, and bicycle parking are incorporated into the design.
COST $2.5 MILLION
WALNUT STREET, 33rd - 34th, AND HILL GARDEN

This project improves the pedestrian experience on the 3300 block of Walnut Street with improved paving, granite curbing, trees, and pedestrian light poles. A paved surface parking lot located between Walnut Street and the newly renovated Hill College House will be transformed into a garden with lighting, bluestone and brick pavers, and a seating area surrounding by trees. The area will serve as a respite from Walnut Street for nearby residents and the entire Penn community.

COST $2 MILLION

34TH STREET STREETSCAPE

This streetscape improvement spans from Walnut Street to Spruce Street. The project will focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety as well as improved service vehicular parking. The curbs at the corners of Walnut and 34th Street will be reconstructed and realigned to reduce pedestrian crossing distances, a revised speed table will be created that prioritizes the mid-block pedestrian crossing, a buffered bike lane will be painted, and the two traffic lanes will be reduced in width. Also included in the design are lay-by spaces for deliveries and short-term service vehicles, and a pull-off area for SEPTA and LUCY buses. Bike parking, trees, and bollards are incorporated.

COST $3 MILLION

39TH STREET STREETSCAPE

39th Street, between Walnut and Spruce Streets is interior to campus and is a pedestrian only walkway near many of our College Houses. Improvements to the walkway include paving, landscape, bike parking, and lighting. Stormwater management issues will also be addressed.

COST $3 MILLION

STUART WEITZMAN PLAZA

Located adjacent to College Green, between Meyerson Hall and Fisher Fine Arts Library, the Stuart Weitzman Plaza will serve as a key campus connection and a welcoming forecourt to the Stuart Weitzman School of Design. The Plaza design will include new paving, stairway and seating improvements down to 34th Street, tree plantings and a revised crosswalk.

COST $4 MILLION