PHS to Manage Landscapes at the Navy Yard

*New contract includes transition of sites to organic land care*

PHILADELPHIA – The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has signed a contract to oversee landscape maintenance of all Navy Yard property managed by PIDC, Philadelphia’s public-private economic development corporation and master developer of the Navy Yard.

PIDC has engaged PHS for horticultural consulting services, which include providing expertise in the areas of horticulture, arboriculture and landscape contract management and administration. PHS focuses on best practices in landscape management by using environmentally and ecologically responsible methods, materials and techniques, and will begin transitioning the sites to organic land care.

Landscape management of the property includes care of trees, turf and landscape beds around many of the Navy Yard's historic buildings, and management of League Island Park, a 2.5-acre park in the heart of the Navy Yard’s historic district.

The Navy Yard, a proud landmark of the Navy’s history and heritage in Philadelphia, has been revitalized as a 1,200-acre urban business campus, offering an exceptional workplace for growing companies to attract new talent. The Navy Yard is home to more than 13,000 employees and 150 companies located in a mix of historic buildings and new LEED-certified construction oriented around world-class open space. At the Navy Yard, over 20 acres of open green park space and a one-mile waterfront jogging path are available to employees and visitors to enjoy year round. Since PIDC became the master developer in 2000, over 2,000 new trees have been planted at the campus.

PHS will direct turf management operations, organic weed control, mulching, seasonal cleanups, watering operations, and woody and herbaceous plant care.
“Quality open space is one of the most compelling attributes of the Navy Yard,” said Prema Katari Gupta, PIDC’s Senior Vice President of Navy Yard Planning, Development, and Operations. “We are thrilled to partner with PHS in order to better steward our trees, our plants, and our parks to further enrich the outdoors experience for visitors and employees.”

PHS has contracted with Four Seasons Total Landscaping, Inc. to perform the maintenance work, with operations set to begin in April.

Since 1987, the PHS Public Landscapes program has managed the city’s highly visible landscapes and greenways. Working with volunteers and private contractors, the program currently greens and maintains over 50 city acres, including the landscapes of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Azalea Garden, the Swann Memorial Fountain at Logan Square, the Rodin Museum, and green space around the Delaware River waterfront.

ABOUT PHS
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1827, whose programs connect people to horticulture and collaboratively creates beautiful, healthy and sustainable communities. PHS’s best known activities include the Philadelphia Flower Show, street tree planting and maintenance, community gardening, public beautification, and the PHS Pop Up Gardens. PHS is supported by individual members and supporters, foundations, partners and government grants. PHS programs bring together people from diverse backgrounds to engage in horticultural projects that advance social equity, environmental sustainability, and urban livability. For information or to support our work, visit PHSonline.org.

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