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Park Pride Awards \$100,000 to Mountain Way Common

Grant Challenge Funds Support Phase One Capital Improvements

The holidays came early to Mountain Way Common with the recent announcement of a \$100,000 Park Pride Legacy Grant for 2014. The grant will support **Phase One** of the park's development, including installation of a prefabricated steel pedestrian bridge, a natural walking trail, and several benches. In order to receive the full funding, we must match the \$100,000 by December 31, 2014.

76% of Phase One Natural Trail Goal Reached

There is more good news! Mountain Way Common recently received a \$20,000 commitment from an anonymous donor. Together with funding from the grant and previous fundraisers, including this year's Denim & Diamonds Gala, this new gift puts us at 76% of the anticipated project costs for Phase One with a natural, mulched trail. To reach the \$210,000 goal for a bare-bones but workable Phase One, we must raise a minimum of \$50,000.

We don't want to stop there, however. **By raising \$120,000, we will be able to install a permanent walking trail** using a combination of paved and crushed granite surfaces plus other amenities like park signage, landscaping, and trash cans.

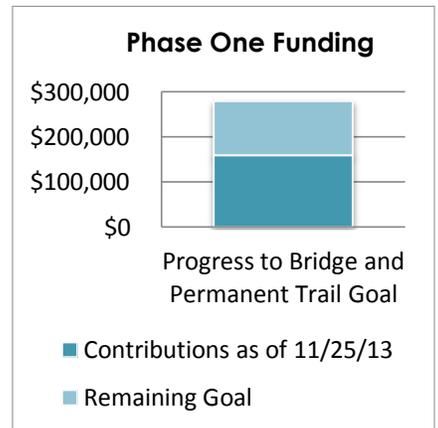
Help fully fund Phase One by 12/31/14

Imagine yourself on a walking trail in your own neighborhood. As you pause to talk to a neighbor on the new footbridge, you can hear the water flowing in Little Nancy Creek and forget for just a minute that you are in the middle of one of the city's most bustling neighborhoods. What is an experience like that worth to you?

Your support is essential to make Mountain Way Common a reality. Raising \$120,000 in the next 12 months will allow us to both meet the Park Pride challenge grant and fully fund other projects included in the Phase One Plan.

Please consider joining a limited group of your neighbors as a Founding Friend of Mountain Way Common by making a gift at the \$2,500 or higher level. This group of 50 supporters will be recognized on a plaque in the park. If you cannot participate as a Founding Friend, please consider making a gift in support of our neighborhood park at whatever level you can. You can make your donation [online](http://www.mountainwaycommon.org/portal/donate.html) (<http://www.mountainwaycommon.org/portal/donate.html>).

Thank you in advance for supporting Mountain Way Common. This park will be a place where our entire neighborhood can come together--let's start by coming together to meet the fundraising challenge before us!



Proposed Pre-cast Bridge



Mulch Trail

Save the Date
Mountain Way
Common
Midnight Pajama
Jog
June 7, 2014, 11 pm



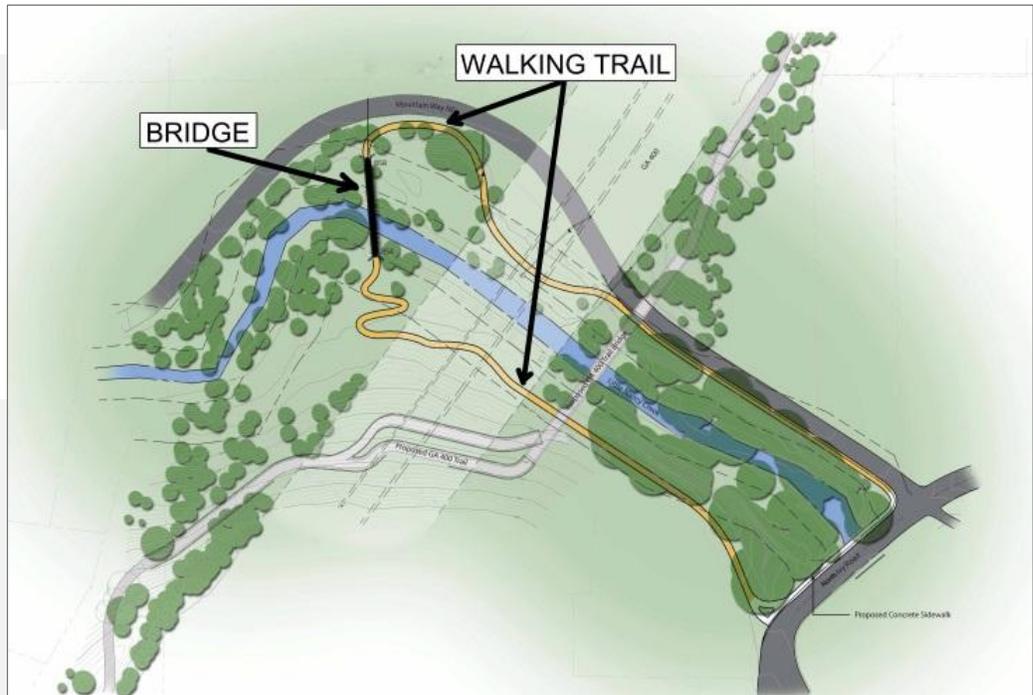
Light up the night with family-friendly fun! The inaugural Midnight Pajama Jog, presented by Tacos and Tequilas Mexican Grill, starts and ends at Chastain Square.

Come run, walk, or jog with us. Each registrant will receive a special t-shirt and glow gear, plus free entrance to the after party featuring a taco bar and live music.

For added fun, light-up your costume, dog, stroller, or carry a fun lantern. Participants are encouraged to be creative and silly. Feel free to carry a lantern you concoct at home, or attend one of our workshops to create an original work of art. Space is limited, so sign up early for a chance to design a one-of-a-kind lantern with renowned artist Evereman at his studio, or to enjoy the delights offered at Pie Shop while you create something special.

Awards for top finishers, costumes, & lanterns. Details at mountainwaycommon.org.

<http://tinyurl.com/PJJoq2014>



Phase 1 Plan

Several high-priority projects were identified through the community-developed vision for Mountain Way Common completed this spring. Over the past few months, the Friends of Mountain Way Common Design Committee has been working on how to make Phase 1 design projects a reality. Phase 1 includes:

- A natural, mulched "outer loop" walking trail,
- A pre-cast pedestrian footbridge to connect the north and south sides of the space, and
- Several benches or other passive amenities.

See a [large-scale image](#) of the plan on the Mountain Way Common website.

Phase 1 Goals

The Phase 1 project combines landscape architecture principles and engineering techniques in the newly created public park in an innovative way to address public-safety issues while enhancing community life. The Phase 1 development of MWC will demonstrate the value of sustainable, collaborative design and the positive social, health, environmental and economic impact that such development can have on a community.

The site is bisected by Little Nancy Creek, making a large portion of the site difficult for residents to access. Because of access issues, there's been a perception in the neighborhood that the southern portion of the site is unsafe. This first phase of the project includes a pre-fabricated, 10' wide bridge to unite the north and south sides of the site and coincidentally address perceived safety issues. The bridge is strategically placed to achieve a series of environmental, sensory, and hydrological objectives.

Spanning 120', the bridge's location will minimize the impact on the existing tree canopy and slopes, celebrate and frame views of the juxtaposition between the natural and infrastructure characteristics of the site, and avoid any impacts inside the 100' flood line. Additionally, the bridge is placed to visually frame and anchor a naturally depressed location of the site proposed to be a future outdoor classroom.

Spring Park Clean-Up Day: May 31, 9 am

Save the date for the Mountain Way Common **Spring Clean Up Day**. We will be mowing, clearing invasive scrubs like privet and picking up trash to make the area safer and more beautiful. Bring gloves and loppers if you have them, and wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Water and tools will be provided.

(Phase One Plan, continued)

In addition to providing access to a previously underutilized space, the bridge will facilitate new pedestrian circulation patterns within the site, providing residents with a 1/3 mile walking loop on a natural path to be installed by neighborhood volunteers. Not only will Phase 1 serve as a catalyst for change in this underutilized site, but will also provide residents with access to a walking trail and natural green space while limiting the impact to the natural environment and celebrating the sites natural and infrastructure characteristics.

Costs and Funding

The estimated cost for the above elements is \$210,000. Assuming sufficient funds are raised, and a smooth permitting process, the project could break ground in late 2014 and be completed by the summer of 2015. Approximately \$70,000 in additional funding will be needed to develop a series of concrete, decomposed granite, and mulch trails on the 1/3 mile walking loop, plus add park signage, some landscaping and trash cans.

At this time, the City does not have park development funds to support Phase 1. Funds must be raised through neighborhood support and private grants, several of which have matching components. Your support is essential to make Mountain Way Common a reality.



Event Recap

Denim and Diamonds: A Party in the Park

With the help of friends like you, the "Denim & Diamonds: A Party in the Park" event was a success, netting about \$20,000. You've helped move us closer to the goal of making the pedestrian bridge and natural walking trail loop a reality.

Thank you to event chair, Tina Weede, project manager Robert Crooms, and presenting sponsor US Motivation. We couldn't have put event together without the generosity of the auction donors, sponsors, event committee, and our wonderful performers including headliner Jan Smith and her band, as well as Jess Godwin.

Check out some of the [photos](#) from the event on Flickr.

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