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### **Cynwyd Station Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration: Help us fund the most exciting part of the station's green renovations!**



We are partnering up with Kickstarter, an online fundraising platform, to raise the \$5,000 needed for supplies and shipping for our rainwater benches and stormwater planters.

Not a big fan of those blue plastic rain barrels? Neither are we. That's why, when we decided to go green, that we would harvest our rainwater with a design that fits in the context of a historic building, super low-maintenance, multi-functional, made of recyclable, non-toxic material, and lovely to look at.

Click [HERE](#) to see our [Kickstarter page](#) for more info, and the tons of rewards that you will receive when you decide to be a part of the project!

You do NOT need a Kickstarter account to pledge. It will take you to Amazon payments, though. If you don't already have an account, it is super easy to set one up.

Here's the link again, in case you didn't get it the first time ;)

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/137877061/sustainable-stormwater-demonstration-site-at-cynwy?ref=email>

This site will close March 16th!

## It's Location, Location, and Location

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[The Cynwyd Train Station](#), located at 375 Conshohocken State Road in Bala Cynwyd, is now available for lease. This prime space is 640 square feet and is located on the first floor of the building. *Cynwyd Train Station* is a stop on SEPTA's *Cynwyd Line*, with a SEPTA parking lot, a municipal parking lot (Cynwyd Station Lot 15 with short & long-term metered parking and permit parking), a trailhead for the *Cynwyd Heritage Trail*, and is adjacent to the Township's

Cynwyd Station Park. Contact Lisa Berger Baskin for further details. We are looking for a business that would complement the *Cynwyd Heritage Trail* by providing an amenity to users of the Trail.

### Manayunk Bridge Update: "Shooting for mid-2014 Completion"

[A little sit down with Kay Sykora, director of the Schuylkill Project:](#)

Sykora related that work continues with regard to the Manayunk Bridge, which she described as being the "signature project" for her organization. A partnership between the City of Philadelphia and Lower Merion Township, the bridge will serve as a connector between the Cynwyd Heritage Trail opposite Manayunk and recreation trails that currently skirt the eastern banks of



the Schuylkill. With approximately \$3.5 million of funding in hand – \$2.4 million of which is PennDOT support secured through the city, with the balance coming from or through neighboring Lower Merion or Montgomery County – construction bids will begin in June. Noting the unique views available from the bridge, Sykora expects that upon its completion, the renovated bridge will be host to events in addition to recreational users. With contracts needing to be in place by the end of 2013, Sykora indicated that work on the bridge is expected to begin in late 2013 and conclude six to eight months later, with a target date for completion in mid-2014....

### Connecting local trails

While not directly a Schuylkill Project, a planned housing development at the former Connelly Containers site in Lower Merion will serve as an important link between recreational trails above and below Manayunk, as the developers of the project have committed to restore the Pencoyd Bridge which connects the Schuylkill-side plot to Main St. In addition, project developers will also build approximately 2,500 feet of trail along their apartment complex, and will construct a trail head with parking for 16 to 20 vehicles at the terminus of the Pencoyd Bridge.”

## Eye on Lower Merion: Cynwyd Station Renovations



Lower Merion Township's Government Access Channel (LMTV) broadcasts on Comcast Cable Channel 7 and Verizon FiOS Channel 37. Any resident in Lower Merion or Narberth who subscribes to these providers can view LMTV. This month's show **Eye on Lower Merion: Cynwyd Station Renovations** is a walking tour hosted by Mark Murray and features Jerry Francis (President of the Lower Merion Historical Society). The Cynwyd Station, an historic landmark, is rapidly nearing the end

of substantial renovations and will be re-purposed as a trailhead for the Cynwyd Heritage Trail.

This half-hour show will run throughout February on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30am and 10:30pm; and Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 5:30am and 5:30pm.

### **Building Photographs: To Preserve Today for Tomorrow's History**

This photo from [our Buildings web](#) is part of our changing history.



The sign on the front welcomes "Tourists" to this 19<sup>th</sup> century house. There have been additions and changes in the rear, but the house has kept its shape. Today tourists come but don't stay long. See them [here](#).

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***MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

