



**Pittsburgh  
Parks  
Conservancy**

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**PITTSBURGH PARKS CONSERVANCY EXTENDS  
FACILITY CLOSURES AND POSTPONES EVENTS THROUGH MAY 10**

*Parks Are Essential and Remain Open for the Public to Safely Enjoy*

**PITTSBURGH – MARCH 20, 2020** – In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) global health emergency, and Governor Wolfe’s directive to close non-life-sustaining businesses, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy ([pittsburghpark.org](http://pittsburghpark.org)) has extended the closure of all park facilities and restrooms operated by the Parks Conservancy until further notice.

The Parks Conservancy facility closures include the Frick Environmental Center (2005 Beechwood Blvd.), Parks Conservancy South Side offices (45 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> St.), Schenley Plaza maintenance building (4100 Forbes Ave.), Schenley Park Café and Visitor Center (101 Panther Hollow Rd.), and the horticultural and forestry facility (1 English Lane).

In addition, the Parks Conservancy has postponed all programming and special events through May 10, 2020. The Conservancy is working to reschedule most postponed events.

“The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is committed to providing our community with safe park environments,” says Jayne Miller, president and chief executive officer, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. “While closing our facilities and postponing our events is disappointing, it is a decision we are making in the best interest of the community. We look forward to welcoming guests and program participants in the near future as we all move forward together.”

Parks are essential. The city parks are open and usable, unless deemed otherwise by the City of Pittsburgh. The Parks Conservancy is urging park users to follow social distancing and other personal health guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information visit [pittsburghparks.org](http://pittsburghparks.org).

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**About Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy:**

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy was founded in December 1996 by a group of citizens concerned with the deteriorating conditions of Pittsburgh’s historic city parks. A non-profit organization, the Parks Conservancy works closely with the City of Pittsburgh under an official public-private partnership agreement to restore and improve the city’s park system to its full potential. To date, the Parks Conservancy has raised more than \$130 million and completed 21 major park improvement projects. The Parks

Conservancy works with thousands of volunteers, hosts hundreds of events, and provides programming for more than 7,500 children annually.