

**Congressional Field Hearing with Philadelphia Delegation**

***Vibrant Communities, Healthy Waters, and Job Opportunities:  
Exploring Green Infrastructure and Role of Federal Policy***

Convened by:

**Representative Robert Brady (PA-1)**

**Representative Chaka Fattah (PA-2)**

**Representative Allyson Schwartz (PA-13)**

Representatives Brady, Fattah, and Schwartz will convene a Congressional field hearing on **May 18, 2009** to consider the role of federal policy in advancing green infrastructure as a means of improving water and air quality, enhancing the livability of dense urban areas, and creating green collar job opportunities. The hearing— organized by the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition in coordination with the Northeast-Midwest Institute,—will be held at the [Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences](#) from **9 AM to 11:30 AM**.

The City of Philadelphia is fully engaged in urban greening projects that help control storm water and reduce urban heat island effects. Experts at the field hearing will demonstrate how taking advantage of every opportunity and resource in implementing greener, more natural, infrastructure can significantly improve the economic standing of communities. The hearing will discuss potential opportunities for Congress to make the successes of Philadelphia replicable in other cities and towns.

**Participating Organizations:**

The Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition

The Northeast-Midwest Institute

William Penn Foundation

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

The Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences

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