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Established in 2015, BioPhilly's mission is to promote the important link between human health and the meaningful daily experience of wild and bio-diverse nature in the city. BioPhilly is a member of the [Biophilic Cities Network](#).



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White Oak leaf and fruit



Hawks perch atop the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Biophilia: bio=life + philia=love Our Biophilic City:

- City as wild bio-diverse habitat
- Connecting all green dots: promoting wild life corridors, habitat tapestry & green-blue infrastructure
- Deep place commitment & stewardship through daily joyful engagement with urban wild nature
- Healthy lives require Nature. The Biophilic City is physiologically restorative: boosts immune & cognitive function, supports hormonal & circadian balance, lowers stress, blood pressure, pulse rate, & decreases cell-aging
- City as a garden, William Penn's "Green Country Town": living roofs, living facades, urban agriculture
- Living soil: toxin-free public spaces, carbon farming
- Planting healthy air: heat island and particulate matter reduction
- Precious water: rainwater harvesting, rain gardens, experience of seasons & weather
- Healthy neighborhood birdsong cover: bird food plantings, dark sky policies
- Play, discovery, wonder and awe: nature in the city amazes, stimulates, and propels us to explore, learn & to care
- Enhanced civic life: caring for place as an essential ingredient in caring for one another



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**"We cannot continue to believe that the landscape is sacred
and the city is profane. They must both be considered sacred."**

Paul Murrain (British Urbanist)

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