



Existing Reservoir

## Urban Nature Center

Knitting the missions and strengths of a habitat protection organization and a people's adventure and empowerment group is paramount to this important Urban Nature Center project. VLS is instrumental in helping these groups to synthesize on-site activities that promote human, animal and habitat health while providing teaching opportunities and strong physical community links within a restorative landscape. Acting with SMP Architects, VLS has conducted interactive workshops bringing together project stakeholders including scientists, board members and community activists. Because of this collaborative approach, each design decision is weighed against a committee of concerned users and experts. The project includes trail links, an adventure path/entry sequence to the building, a secured preserve all within restored grassland and wetland demonstration habitats.

**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Client:** Confidential  
**Size:** N/A  
**Cost:** N/A  
**Status:** Completed 2007