THE WORLD HERITAGE CITY PROJECT

In 2015 Philadelphia was accepted as a member of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) and became recognized as a “World Heritage City.” The World Heritage City Project was established as a community-built vision of what we would like to accomplish as a World Heritage City.

THE SEVEN SECTORS:

A. Neighborhood & Community Development
OBJECTIVE: Engagement of Philadelphia’s diverse communities in the heritage conversation and securing its potential benefits.

B. History & Preservation
OBJECTIVE: Widespread appreciation, use, and preservation of our heritage assets.

C. International Relations
OBJECTIVE: Deeper and broader international relationships for the city and the organizations within it.

D. Education
OBJECTIVE: Students prepared to succeed in a rapidly globalizing world.

E. Tourism & Hospitality
OBJECTIVE: Attraction of tourists, students, and others whose presence will enhance the city’s economy and stature.

F. Arts & Culture
OBJECTIVE: Greater recognition here and abroad of our globally significant arts and culture scene.

G. Business & Nonprofit Organizations
OBJECTIVE: Full utilization of the city’s WHC potential by its businesses and nonprofit organizations.

THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS:

➢ To promote preservation and appreciation of our geographical, historical, and cultural heritage through the World Heritage City designation and continued education.
➢ To provide a powerful economic and cultural stimulus to the region.
➢ To inspire citizens and residents to feel pride in their World Heritage City.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION:

World Heritage Education Program
Several World Heritage educational resources have been developed, including lesson plans, a documentary film, and a coloring book. Pilot programs in schools and community centers have introduced students to the cultural heritages of Philadelphia and the world.

INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION?

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