



## CHESAPEAKE CONNECT OCTOBER 2021

BMC convened its 4th Chesapeake Connect trip in October 2021, bringing a group of leaders from greater Baltimore to Philadelphia to connect with and learn from colleagues in a peer city. The packed program included discussions with local leaders, visits to regional anchor institutions and explorations of Philadelphia's parks, historic sites and community centers.



Schuykill Banks, Philadelphia

Charm City shares many strengths and challenges with the City of Brotherly Love. Both boast vibrant cultural districts, world-class research institutions and a balance of bustling urban areas and sprawling suburbs. However, both cities struggle with the impacts of redlining, substance abuse crises and deep-rooted disparities in access to wealth, health and opportunity. The group learned about Philadelphia's recent investments in development and considered how to apply this learning to similar investments in the Baltimore region.

The Chesapeake Connect delegation came back together in-person after 2020's slated trip to Minneapolis was canceled due to the pandemic. Previous trip destinations have included New Orleans, Nashville and Cleveland.



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Chesapeake Connect