

Philly Thrive Review

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Victory at Southport

Port Authority Chooses Jobs Over More Fossil Fuels

After a hard-fought year-long campaign, Philly Thrive achieved VICTORY against fossil fuel development at the Southport Marine Terminal. Our campaign included protesting the Port Authority headquarters and gathering photo petitions at Smith Playground. Instead of building another refinery near the Navy Yard, the Port Authority will use the space for container shipping and storage. In Philly Thrive's fight for health, safety, and a green economy, it was a victory for all!

The Southport victory marks the first step in Thrive's fight against the Energy Hub and fossil fuel expansion in Philadelphia. Read on to hear more about our mission, what we're doing in the community, and what you can do to get involved.

What is Philly Thrive?

Philly Thrive is a nonprofit organization working to improve air quality and fight for social justice in Philadelphia. We are mobilizing communities around the South Philadelphia oil and gas refinery to stop its expansion and protect the health of its neighbors. We believe that every Philadelphian deserves to breathe clean air.

The Refinery

PES is the second largest refinery in the United States. The clouds of chemicals from its factory are always on the horizon. The company refines and transports crude oil and gas throughout Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Since the refinery is close to where we live and breathe, many Philadelphians have asthma, cancer, and other respiratory problems.



Thrive members at a BBQ this summer at Smith Playground

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Dakota Access Pipeline

Protest

On September 17th, Philly Thrive and other organizations from North Dakota grouped together for the same purpose: stopping pipelines. In North Dakota, the government is planning to run a pipeline through sacred land. In Philadelphia, they're trying to build another refinery near the Naval Yard. As a part of this action, over 300 people marched through Center City chanting, "Water is life, Water is life!" During the marching and chanting, nine TD Bank locations were shut down. We protested against them because they play a major part of the North Dakota pipeline funding.



CSX Oil Trains

Have you ever walked or driven on 25th Street between Washington Ave. and Passyunk Ave.? Have you ever wondered about the train traveling over your head? That is the CSX oil train. It runs up and down the East Coast transporting propane and cruel oil. Its contents are extremely dangerous and explosive. It has been running since 1981. Our houses were here first! Now the columns under the tracks are crumbling and falling apart. Some of our children are scared to go to school or to Smith Playground.

As a community, we must work together to make our climate and community safer.



Energy Hub

The people behind the South Philadelphia PES oil and gas refinery want to turn Philadelphia into an Energy Hub for the Northeast. Philadelphia already has the largest oil refinery on the East Coast, but this plan would mean expanding fossil fuel infrastructure throughout Philadelphia. It would significantly increase the amount of fossil fuels being refined here and traveling through our neighborhood. Philly Thrive's goal is to stop the development of this Energy Hub at all costs and to ensure that Philadelphians have access to clean air and healthy homes.❖

Fundraising & Community-Building



Halloween Party

Philly Thrive threw a spooky Halloween Party for children and adults at Vare Recreation Center. Volunteers brought snacks, organized games, and danced to Thriller. It was a great chance for kids in the neighborhood to have fun and for adults to learn about local environmental and social justice issues. We raised money to keep the organization going and to help grow our movement.



Philly Thrive BBQ

This August, we grilled burgers and hot dogs at Smith Playground. Everyone had a fun time in the sun.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Philly Thrive is always looking for new leaders. Philly Thrive leaders help organize protests, fundraise, raise awareness, and spread news about the refinery. We host information sessions and leadership development trainings once a month at Vare Rec Center. Contact **Alexa** at **(215) 987-5972** or visit **phillythrive.org** for more information.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Has your or your family's health and wellness been affected by the refinery next door? We want to hear your story.

What's Next for Thrive?

After our Southport Victory, what's next?

The Philadelphia Energy Hub is an ongoing project. Philly Thrive wants to make sure the next expansion project won't further hurt our communities and loved ones. In the beginning of 2017, our mission will be to build membership and leadership and to create a plan around upcoming fossil fuel projects.



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