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# Cherry Blossoms at West Chester University

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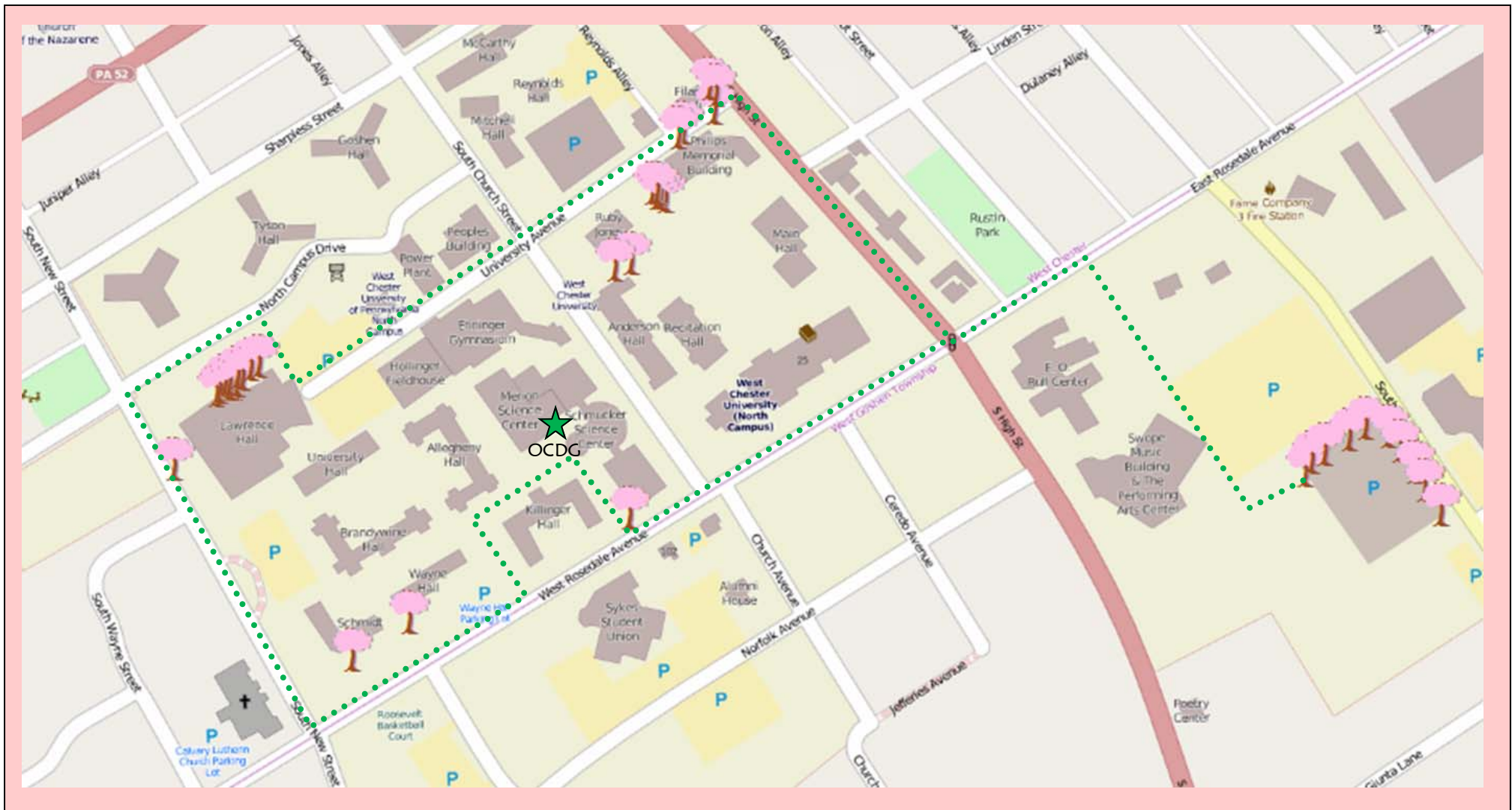
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Thank you to Prof. Chris Penny for the allowing us to use his photographs.

For more information on the location and significance of trees on campus,  
please visit the Green Legacy project website:  
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West Chester University maintains a strong commitment to sustainability. The Gordon Natural Area is the University's own environmental reserve on campus (<http://www.gordonarea.org/>). An increasing number of buildings have their energy needs met by WCU geothermal wells. The Outdoor Classroom and Demonstration Garden (OCDG) is located between the Merion and Schmucker Science Center buildings, and is home to composting bins, raingarden, edible and indigenous plants. Faculty and students across disciplines have used the OCDG to explore organic farming principles and for field work. WCU participates in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)'s Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). The Arbor Day Foundation has bestowed the Tree Campus USA designation on West Chester University in recognition of our commitment to trees.

We hope you enjoy this visit to West Chester University. Cherry trees can be found dispersed around our academic, administrative, and residential buildings.

We suggest a leisurely walking tour to enjoy West Chester University's Cherry Blossom Trees, typically in peak bloom in mid-April. From the parking lot in M lot or Matlack garage It is approximately a 1.5 to 2 mile loop up High Street from the Matlack Parking Garage and M lots located on the Southeast corner of campus between South High Street and South Matlack Street. There are several large groupings of our cherry trees. Phillips Memorial Hall provides a stunning background to the University Avenue cherry blossoms. As you walk along West Rosedale Avenue, consider venturing North and visting our Outdoor Classroom and Demonstration Garden marked on the map with a star.