The Rail Park in Philadelphia is a $10.8 million public open-space project that has transformed a blighted section of the former Reading Railroad Viaduct into an elevated park with walking paths, landscaping, lighting, swinging benches, and expansive city views. Designed by Urban Engineers and Studio Bryan Hanes, the park is a much-needed green amenity to the historically industrial neighborhoods along Center City’s northern edge. The park’s design was chosen to reflect the surrounding neighborhoods’ industrial roots and repurpose the historic elements of the rail structure wherever possible. A wide path through the park is edged with native canopy trees and plantings designed to provide air quality benefits and manage stormwater runoff. It is interspersed with a variety of public spaces, benches, wooden swings, and walkways. The Rail Park’s Phase 1 is a proof-of-concept that will be used to advance the next phase of the project.