

Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Trail Side Park

Project Manager: Lynn Conrad

1998 Grant Award: \$20,000

In 1996, the Master Trail Development Plan for the Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail was created to outline the development of a 32-mile trail that passes through three Northeast Pennsylvania counties. The **D&H Trail Side Park** is a concept included in this master plan. The project created a park within the trail right-of-way in the small community of Union Dale. The park provides trail users with a needed rest area and has developed economic opportunities for the community. Improvements included soil amendments, native plantings, restoration efforts, and educational information.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

Private property issues halted the clean up of the north side of the park ravine and a 20 foot post and rail fence was added along the top of the ravine per the request of Union Dale Borough.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 10 trees including 1 evergreen, 9 deciduous, and 4 flowering;
- Planted 36 shrubs and 178 herbaceous plants;
- Transplanted 50 ferns and placed 34 cubic yards of mulch;
- Gary Bloss, landscape architect, created a plan for the site;
- Pruned 15 and removed 2 hazardous trees;
- Cleared 1.5 acres of junk, dumped material, and debris with the help of over 40 volunteers;
- Opened a view of Stillwater Dam for park users;
- Coordinated dedication of historical sign; and
- Coordinated nature workshop for 12 children and 7 adults.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$20,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 5,142
In-kind Contributions	\$14,804
Total Project Value	\$39,946



Project Partnerships

- American Hiking Society – donations for raffle
- Art Exchange – program support and advertisement
- Cables Store – water use
- Clark Cable – lawn care, historic photographs, and historic stroll
- Gary Bloss, LanRad – services
- Green Thumb Senior Workers Program – administrative support
- Lackawanna River Corridor Association – education
- Lewis Lake Cottagers Association – land use
- Linde Enterprises – dump truck
- Lothar Holbert, Attorney – legal assistance
- New Visions Digital Publishing – research and design
- Northeast PA Sno-Trails – signs
- Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development – financial support for SYSC
- PA DCNR – planning grant and stream assessment
- Pat Peltz – historic poster
- Penn DOT – trash removal and dumpster use
- RBA Group – technical advice and site visits
- Summer Youth Service Corps (SYSC) – volunteers
- Trails Conservation Corporation – administration and office space
- Tre-Hab, Montrose – administration of SYSC