

Friends of Salt Springs State Park

Trail Improvements at Salt Springs State Park

Project Manager: Susan Chance

1999 Grant Award: \$ 50,000

The **Trail Improvements at Salt Springs State Park** project extended and improved park trails and handicap access areas in the historic Salt Springs park. Extensions were made to the Meadow Trail including hardwood and heritage orchard plantings as well as the Woodland, Hardwood, and Upland Trails. This project has improved tourism to the park and has improved the economy of the area through use of local labor. Also, project work has increased protection of threatened ecosystems and increased environmental awareness through education.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

A time extension was necessary to allow for additional planting time and grading of steep sections of the Meadow Trail.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 151 trees including 7 evergreens, 144 deciduous, 77 canopy, and 74 flowering;
- Planted 24 shrubs;
- Cleared trail of junk, dumped material, and debris;
- Established Meadow Trail, Woodland Trail, Hardwood Trail, and Upland Trail (extensions);
- Demonstrated forest stewardship to 125 fourth through sixth grade students;
- Conducted workshops which taught visitors stone wall building and local history;
- Created trail markers using native blue stone;
- An emergency access was established from the upper end of the Hemlock Trail as recommended by PA DCNR;
- Selected heirloom varieties of fruit trees; and
- Improved local economy through increased tourism and use of local labor.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 50,000
In-kind Contributions	\$ 54,561
Total Project Value	\$104,561

Project Partnerships

Andre and Sons Agway – location of heirloom fruit trees

Boy Scouts of America, SUNY Binghamton and general public – trail clearing and volunteers

Lopke Sons – access road stone

McNamara Construction and RELY Landscaping – All phases of trail improvements

Molenkos Signs – dedication signs

PA Conservation Corps – tree planting and tree cages

PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – consultation

PA DCNR, Bureau of State Parks – mulching

Smith and Bolles Quarries – stones for signage/intersections

