

Friends of Salt Springs State Park

Forest Protection and Access at Salt Springs

Project Manager: Charlie Randall

2000 Grant Award: \$ 65,000

The **Forest Protection and Access at Salt Springs** project completed planting improvements along the most heavily trafficked areas of the park: the Old Growth Hemlock Grove, the pavilion and camping area, the banks of the Fall Brook, Silver Creek Trail, and Salt Springs Road. A day use area and boardwalk was constructed to relieve heavy foot traffic. Also, a connection was made between the Old Growth Hemlock Trail and the Old Orchard Trail.

The project also included planting a riparian buffer zone along Fall Brook in the gorge area. Through successful negotiations with nearby farmers, trail additions have been made through adjacent pasture and farmland, which has tremendously increased the useable parkland.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

Extended timeline to allow for time to negotiate with adjacent land owning farmers.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 72 canopy trees including 12 evergreens and 60 deciduous;
- Planted 46 shrubs;
- Boardwalk overlook designed by Larry Sharer, R.L.A; and
- Useable parkland has been increased from 40 acres to 700 acres.

Project Match and Value

Grant Award	\$ 65,000
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 84,752</u>
Total Project Value	\$149,752



Project Partnerships

Andre and Son – tree source

Boy Scouts of America – volunteers

Cornerstone Forest Products – mulch suppliers

Dale Webster – stones for intersections

Flaherty's Sawmill – milling of locust lumber

Hillside Garden Center – plant specimens

Kenny Rauch Excavating – topsoil

McNamara Construction – overlook construction

Molenko's Signs – dedication signage

Montrose Garden Club – plantings

PA Conservation Corps – labor

RELY Landscaping – all phases of landscaping