

Lackawanna River Corridor Association

Lackawanna Riverlands Enhancement

Project Manager: Bernard McGurl

1999 Grant Award: \$ 33,390

The **Lackawanna Riverlands Enhancement** project focused on debris removal, riparian buffer restoration, trail improvements, and planting at two areas along the Lackawanna River. Emphasis has been to plant native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous species that enhance the natural diversity at Boulevard Bend in Throop and The Powder Mill Dam River Corridor Preserve in Jermyn. Tremendous volunteer support enabled the cleanup and debris removal at both project sites. The outstanding efforts of LRCA's project have promoted restoration and protection of the Lackawanna River and its watershed resources.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 44 trees including 24 evergreens, 20 deciduous, 41 canopy, and 3 flowering;
- Planted 40 shrubs;
- Placed 50 cubic yards of mulch;
- Removed 3 hazardous trees;
- Removed 1,000 square feet Japanese knotweed and 400 1½ -2" caliper red maples to improve the diversity of the understory;
- Stabilized 100 linear feet of streambank;
- Cleared 80 cubic yards of litter, trash, tires, and appliances;
- Established 3,000 feet of a woodland trail;
- Created and installed an interpretive sign for Powder Mill Dam River Corridor Preserve including photographs, maps, and history of the site;
- Regraded 200 cubic yards of soil berm on Powder Mill site (previous coal mine extraction area);
- Facilitated 462 hours of work by an Americorps Team; and
- Received \$5,000 grant from Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$33,390
Cash Contributions	\$ 5,271
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$16,781</u>
Total Project Value	\$55,442

Project Partnerships

Americorps Team – one week of volunteer labor

Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation – financial support

Marywood University students – volunteers

The Lackawanna Senior Environmental Corps – volunteers

The Lackawanna Valley Conservancy – site availability and stewardship

