

Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania

D&H Rail-Trail Trailhead, Starrucca Borough/Thompson Township

Project Manager: Lynn M. Conrad

1999 Grant Award: \$ 20,000

The **D&H Rail-Trail Trailhead, Starrucca Borough/Thompson Township** project improved a small trailhead near the community of Starrucca with native and ornamental plantings. Improvements focused around an old railroad “paddyshack” or sectional toolhouse, a water tower foundation, and the creamery. Hands-on stewardship provided opportunities for youth and volunteers to continue urban forestry improvements near this trail.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

The project cost exceeded the budgeted amount and Rail-Trail was required to add additional match to their project budget.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 27 trees including 16 evergreens and 11 deciduous;
- Planted 315 shrubs and 454 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 44.5 cubic yards of mulch;
- Scott Leonard and G.D. Bloss, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site;
- Removed 1 hazardous tree;
- Cleared 800 linear feet of junk, dumped material, and debris;
- Planted 800 feet of the project site;
- Introduced program to 42 residents and Rail-Trail members;
- Created an interpretive sign for Starrucca Trailhead; and
- Placed 103 cubic yards of topsoil.



Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$20,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 2,639
In-kind Contributions	\$18,105
Total Project Value	\$40,744

Project Partnerships

Herrick Hill Huckleberry Farm –services
Lehigh Valley ATV – volunteers
Nethercott Inn – provided refreshments
Northeast PA Sno-Trails –volunteers
Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission – financial support
Penn DOT, Engineering District 4.0 – services
Penn DOT, Montrose District 4.5 – services
Quad-Three Group – donated services
Rail-Trail Council – volunteers
Starrucca Borough – use of Borough Hall
Summer Youth Service Corp workers – volunteers
Thompson Township – rock fill for parking lot
Tre-Hab, Montrose – administrative support of SYSC
Valley ATV Club – volunteers
William Young – historian on D&H railroad and research