

Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania

D&H Rail-Trail Trailhead, Forest City Borough

Project Manager: Lynn Conrad

2000 Grant Amount: \$ 20,000

The **D&H Rail-Trail Trailhead, Forest City Borough** project implemented the planting scheme of a major trailhead in Forest City. The purpose was to plant and fully utilize the widest section of trail right-of-way for parking. Evergreen trees were planted to screen an adjacent culm bank in need of revegetation. Canopy and flowering trees were planted for shade, increased diversity, and aesthetics. Public input was utilized during the creation of the trailhead signs.

Significant Revisions to Scope of Work

Grading of the parking lot was eliminated before planting occurred. Less disturbance of the area was achieved with protection of the existing banks.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 122 trees including 81 evergreens, 41 deciduous, 98 canopy, and 13 flowering. 11 trees were from bareroot stock;
- Planted 46 shrubs and 223 herbaceous plants;
- Planted 5,370' x 150' of the project site;
- Created two trailhead identification signs;
- Received a grant from PA DCNR for 'Hardscape' Trail improvements; and
- Received Federal TEA-21 funding for the construction of the trail around the perimeter of the trailhead.

Project Value & Match

Grant Award	\$20,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 1,500
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$32,568</u>
Total Project Value	\$54,068

Project Partnerships

American Lung Association/Lowe's Home Improvement Center – donated trees
Endless Mountains ATV – volunteers
Forest City Borough – services
Jerry's Sport Center – financial support
Lackawanna Sewer Basin Authority, Clinton plant – water
Northeast PA Sno-Trails – brush cutting, trail realignment, donated reflectors for fence posts, financial support
Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission – financial support
PA DCNR – financial support
Penn DOT, Montrose District 4.5 – reestablished drainage from Route 247 bridge
PG Energy – services
Quad-Three Group – services
Rail-Trail Council – volunteers
Summer Youth Service Corp (SYSC) workers – volunteers
Tre-Hab, Montrose – administrative services