

## Mini Grant Awarded Projects

**Pottstown, Greening of South Street:** The Greening of South Street Project will provide the recreational infrastructure and built environment necessary for users of various modalities to travel to and from the Schuylkill River Heritage Area Center to downtown Pottstown and additional points of interest in the Borough. Proposed improvements include the installation of recreational amenities, street lighting, welcome signage, landscaping, benches, and a restroom facility.

**Exeter Station Historic Walking Tour:** The Exeter Township School District will implement a historic and natural resource walking tour with educational displays near the historic Exeter Train Station site, which fronts the Schuylkill River in Exeter Township. A self guided tour will be developed between Lorane Hollow Park and Exeter Station area in order to reconnect visitors and residents to Exeter's Schuylkill River Heritage.

**Morlattan Village Parking Area:** The project includes the installation of a stone parking area and walking paths with access from Old Philadelphia Pike and Swede Lane. The parking area would be strategically located and accessible from both the Thun Trail and the historic Mortlatton Village. The project includes removal of trees and installation of a drainage system.

**Friends of Hopewell Furnace NHS Historic and Cultural Conditions Baseline:** A comprehensive list of historic and cultural resources for the Big Woods area has been compiled from data provided by Chester County Parks and the Berks County Planning Commission. To prioritize the necessary conservation efforts to conserve the historic and cultural resources, the Friends of Hopewell Furnace will focus on monitoring and conservation activities.

**Hay Creek Keystone Marker in Birdsboro:** This will be the first new installation of the once-ubiquitous Pennsylvania Keystone Stream Markers for 80 years. This project will catalyze the creation of new patterns that will enable Keystone Stream Markers to be placed anywhere in the Commonwealth in perpetuity while concurrently addressing a need for visually-appealing, historically accurate signage along the Hay Creek. The markers provide a monumental gateway feature.

**East Pikeland Twp. Historic Interpretive Signage at Continental Powder Works Heritage Park:** East Pikeland Township is producing directional and interpretive wayside signage for the Continental Powder Works Heritage Park on the French Creek Trail. The signs will interpret the gunpowder mill and gunlock factory built during the Revolutionary War. The trail and park project will cover approximately 100 acres of open space acquired by East Pikeland Township over more than a 20 year time span.

**Hay Creek Historical Association Education at Joanna Furnace:** This project is designed to offer educational programming by blending history and how it is impacted by the local environmental connection. The educational programs capitalize on the symbiotic relationship of the 18th and 19th century environment and the development of the Joanna Furnace Community, the local iron manufacturing and early day-to-day living. The historic educational outreach trunk program will be maintained to continue the historic education of the Joanna Furnace community as part of the Hopewell Big Woods environmental focus.

**Delaware Riverkeeper Research steps to Implement Predictive Model for Water Contact Recreation:** The Delaware Riverkeeper Network proposes researching the steps necessary to implement a predictive model for water contact recreation, like Philly Rivercast, for river users in the Pottstown area. A Pottstown Rivercast would increase understanding about the water quality of the Schuylkill River in the Schuylkill Highlands Project Area.

**PA Audubon Greenway Customized Bird Town Program:** Bird Town mobilizes entire municipalities to promote best management practices on public and private lands. Through meetings with officials and community members, Bird Town will guide Schuylkill Highlands' municipalities in making decisions based on a culture of conservation that will benefit not only birds and ecological systems, but also people.

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