

Schuylkill Highlands 2014 Mini Grant Awards

Bioswale at Phoenixville Middle School

Grant Award: \$5,000

Green Valleys Watershed Association will construct a Bioswale at Phoenixville Middle School to filter surface runoff water and serve the school's best management practices.

Quakertown Swamp Self-Guided Birding Tour

Grant Award: \$5,237

Heritage Conservancy will compile a comprehensive study of the breeding bird population in Quakertown Swamp and use this information to create materials for a self-guided birding tour as visitors explore Quakertown Swamp.

Horse-Shoe Trail Road Crossing Signage

Grant Award: \$1,900

Horse-Shoe Trail Conservancy will install 18 signposts and plaques where the Horse-Shoe Trail crosses motorized roadways. This will increase awareness and trail safety.

Colebrookdale Railroad Station Planning

Grant Award: \$15,000

Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust will complete a Land Development Plan for the station areas in Boyertown and Pottstown. These locations are to become new embarkation and arrival stops for the railroad's expected 30,000 visitors each year.

Facilitating the Greater Reading Trails Partnership

Grant Award: \$15,000

Berks Conservancy will use these funds to support the Greater Reading Trails Partnership through the facilitation of meetings, communications, the creation of a prioritized project list, identify priority projects, increasing capacity, and dog friendly actions.

UPV Wayfinding Prototype Program

Grant Award: \$5,000

Perk Up Corporation will fabricate and install several signage prototypes to set the stage for and advance full wayfinding signage implementation in Upper Perkiomen Regional area.

Althouse Arboretum Trail and Signage

Grant Award: \$9,500

The Save Alliance Foundation will construct a trail and educational signage for public access and education through an Upper Pottsgrove Township Open Space site.

Riparian Buffers to Restore Wetland Habitat

Grant Award: \$3,956.60

Friends of Hopewell Furnace will improve riparian buffers and downstream wetland habitat in French Creek, an exceptional value stream.

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