

Schuylkill Highlands 2015 Mini Grant Awards

St. Peter's Village Kiosks

Grant Award: \$12,000

Warwick Township will work with Carter Van Dyke to install two kiosks at Saint Peters Village, one by each of the larger parking lots at either end, to include info on what is available in the village and surrounding area and help visitors orient themselves.

Quakertown Swamp Mini BioBlitz

Grant Award: \$5,000

Heritage Conservancy will identify flora and fauna species in the Quakertown Swamp Preserve area during the spring of 2016 to have a Mini BioBlitz to showcase this information to visitors.

Coventry Trail and Pidgeon Creek Pedestrian Bridge

Grant Award: \$15,000

North Coventry Township will lead the design, permitting, and construction of a pedestrian bridge over Pidgeon Creek for the Coventry Trail, as well as filling in a gap in the trail.

Schuylkill Canal Canoe and Kayak Landing

Grant Award: \$7,750

Schuylkill Canal Association will purchase and install a new canoe and kayak launch area at Schuylkill Canal Park near the portage from the river area by Longford Rd. This will improve access to the Oakes Reach of the Schuylkill Canal.

Joanna Furnace Interpretive Signage

Grant Award: \$3,700

Hay Creek Valley Historical Association will install a series of interpretive signage at Historic Joanna Furnace allowing visitors to learn about the historical site.

Habitat Species Assessment

Grant Award: \$4,500

French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust will complete a Habitat Species Assessment of the Great March and Upper French Creek. This will allow them to identify the presence and absence of species of concern, and eventually identify locations for subsequent surveys.

Valley Park Site Development Plan

Grant Award: \$15,000

Schuylkill Township plans to create a new park, which requires a engineered site development plan, site record plan, HOP, grading of the landscape, and stormwater and landscape plants to transform the space. The Park will keep the Andersen Cemetery and Trolley Station as historic structures.

Memorial Park Boarding Platform

Grant Award: \$15,000

Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust will create a boarding platform in Pottstown's Memorial Park, allowing passenger's access to/from Memorial Park during their historical train rides.

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