

## Schuylkill Highlands 2016 Mini Grant Awards

### **Union Meadows/Schuylkill River Trail Signage**

**Grant Award: \$4,623**

*Union Township* will be designing and installing three wayfinding signs along the Schuylkill River Trail at the Union Meadows Park parking lot, boat landing, and Berm Trail.

### **Rodale Institute Educational Signs**

**Grant Award: \$14,956**

*Rodale Institute* will install around 31 different educational signs across their Organic Farm campus to teach visitors about healthy agriculture, soil, food, and people.

### **Berks Nature**

**Grant Award: \$12,500**

*Berks Nature's Greater Reading Regional Area Partnership support.*

### **Nature Based Preschool Business Plan**

**Grant Award: \$15,000**

*Berks Nature* will complete a business plan and obtain the necessary certificates and permits for their nature-based preschool, The Nature Place, at Angelica Park.

### **Phoenixville Middle School Rain Garden**

**Grant Award: \$7,800**

*Green Valley Watershed Association* will create a 5,000 square foot rain garden at Phoenixville Middle School to filter runoff before it enters the watershed.

### **Joanna Furnace Signage**

**Grant Award: \$5,000**

*Hay Creek Valley Historical Association* are installing eight signs at Joanna Furnace to teach visitors about the history of the Iron and Steel Industry and Joanna Furnace's place in it.

### **Audubon Center Perkiomen Creek Recreation Program**

**Grant Award: \$6,213**

*John James Audubon Center* will purchase canoes for their Perkiomen Creek Recreation program along with birding guides and materials for their on-water program.

### **Iron and Steel 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Grant Award: \$8,000**

*South Coventry Township* will be leading the update of the Iron and Steel Heritage website for the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to include the historic iron and steel driving tours and Chester County's town tours.

### **Video of Quakertown Swamp**

**Grant Award: \$3,250**

*Heritage Conservancy* will lead the production of a video of Quakertown Swamp highlighting the location's environmental, educational, and recreational values.

### **Althouse Arboretum Improvements**

**Grant Award: \$15,000**

*Green Allies* will be creating a series of new pieces for the arboretum including construction of a new trail, wilderness shelters, six children's features, two natural plant gardens, a mini library, and various signage.

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