

# Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape **SUCCESS STORY**

By: Borough of Hellertown  
685 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055  
www.hellertownborough.org

## LVG 13.02: Water Street Park – Saucon Creek Riparian Plantings (2013)

### SUMMARY

This project consists of park improvements constructed in accordance with the 2013 master park plan. Specifically, park entrance safety enhancements, water, sewer and electrical utility connections to a new restroom (constructed through a partnership with SECTV), ADA trails, site furnishings and stabilized turf. The Lehigh Valley Greenways mini-grant was used to purchase native trees, shrubs and plantings for groundcover to re-vegetate the bank of the Saucon Creek as well as rain gardens.



### CHALLENGE

Water Street Park is situated between the Saucon Creek and the Saucon Rail Trail and is only two blocks away from Hellertown's Main Street commercial district. One of seven active recreational parks within the Borough, it is used heavily for many types of active and passive recreational purposes, as well as serving as a trailhead to the Saucon Rail Trail and home to the Saucon Valley Farmer's Market. Hellertown Borough Council approved the Water Street master plan which outlines park improvements that support community input and need.

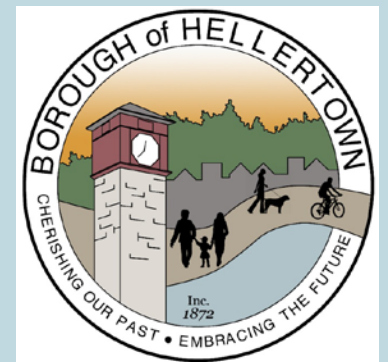
### FUNDING

**Grant Award:**  
**\$20,000.00**

**Match:**  
**\$23,682.14**

**Total Project Cost:**  
**43,682.14**

### PARTNERSHIP IS KEY



## SOLUTION

The native plantings and restoration of the Saucon Creek riparian buffer promote best management practices to the Saucon Creek Watershed.

The park provides support services for the Saucon Rail Trail, which is a regional trail eventually connecting to the D&L Trail and South Bethlehem Greenway.

The park not only fosters the trail, it supports the local economy through the Saucon Valley Farmers Market and local businesses.

By enhancing the landscape in the park, residents, trail users, market shoppers and fisherman will learn about its value to the environment.

## RESULTS

By enhancing the landscape in the park, residents, trail users, market shoppers and fisherman will learn about its value to the environment.

### Contact

**Claire Sadler, Conservation Coordinator**

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage  
Corridor

2750 Hugh Moore Park Road

Easton, PA 18042

610-923-3548 ext. 226

[Claire@delawareandlehigh.org](mailto:Claire@delawareandlehigh.org)

[www.delawareandlehigh.org](http://www.delawareandlehigh.org)

[www.lehighvalleygreenways.org](http://www.lehighvalleygreenways.org)

**Diane Kripas, Division Chief**

PA DCNR Bureau of Recreation and  
Conservation

717-772-1282

[dkripas@pa.gov](mailto:dkripas@pa.gov)

[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cli](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cli)

