# Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape SUCCESS STORY

Bristol Borough Raising the Bar Bill Pezza: (215) 785-3400

## **MILL STREET CROSSING: January 2013**

## **SUMMARY**

The Mill Street Crossing project will enhance the connection and awareness between the Delaware River, Bristol Marsh, the Canal Bed and Towpath, where the Pennsylvania Railroad and trolley lines crossed. This project will also enhance the green space at the Mill Street and Old Rt. 13 corner by introducing native Pennsylvania plantings back to the site along with pervious materials for pedestrian use.



## **CHALLENGE**

The area at the corner of Mill Street and Old Rt. 13 is the gateway to Bristol Borough's primary commercial district. The area represents a historic crossroads in early Pennsylvania. The lot was an empty and abandoned area that has not been put to any meaningful use for many years. It failed to highlight the historical significance of it connection to the Delaware Canal, Pennsylvania Railroad and King's Highway.

#### **FUNDING**

Grant Award: \$5,000.00

Match: \$24,842.77

Total Project Cost: \$24,842.77

#### PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

- R & S Construction Inc.,Steve Berlecki
- Design Works, MycleGorman
- Felipe's Landscaping,Felipe Berrocal
- Mill Street Business
  Association, Richard
  Vallejo
- Bristol Cultural & Historic
  Foundation, Anna Larrisey





## **SOLUTION**

The property was excavated, native plantings were installed and pervious surfaces were added which created pathways for pedestrians. The area was generally beautified and improved to enhance this important entrance to the Historic Mill Street commercial district.

## **RESULTS**

We now have a beautiful entrance to the Historic Mill Street commercial district that is used daily by pedestrians. Additionally, local civic organizations and government use the area for special events which improve the quality of experience in our historic borough.

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