

Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape SUCCESS STORY

By: Lehigh Gap Nature Center
(Wildlife Information Center)

Schoolyard Garden Teacher Workshops (2016)

SUMMARY

We developed a two-part teacher workshop program to promote the use of schoolyard gardens. Part one of the workshop included the rationale and educational uses for a schoolyard garden. Part two instructed the teachers in designing, planting, and maintaining their own schoolyard garden. Each teacher received \$150 worth of plants from Edge of the Woods Nursery



CHALLENGE

Many schools have space on their grounds for gardens but few successfully implement a garden project. This workshop was designed to train teachers in how to design, create, and use their garden educationally.

FUNDING

Grant Award:
\$2,015.00

Match:
\$2,804.38

Total Project Cost:
\$4,819.38

PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

We partnered with the Landscaping for Communities and Wildlife project to provide the leadership and materials for this workshop.

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SOLUTION

Kate Brandes (Landscaping for Communities and Wildlife project manager), Dan Kunkle (former biology teacher) and Chad Schwartz (LGNC program specialist) planned a full-day workshop in two parts to train teachers how to design and implement an educational garden plan. Each teacher received instruction in the rationale for an educational native plant schoolyard garden and \$150 in plants for their project. Teachers were recruited from throughout the Lehigh Valley region.

RESULTS

Ten teachers were trained and have developed plans for implementing a schoolyard habitat garden next autumn at their schools. These gardens will include students in the design process as well as in the planting of the gardens. The teachers will use them educationally.

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