Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape SUCCESS STORY

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Easton Bicycle Playground SUMMARY

In 2016, the City of Easton constructed Phase I of a bicycle park located in Hugh Moore Park near the National Canal Museum. This initial phase of the project was aimed at helping riders of all ages develop better skills by navigating a course of built features. Phase II of the project, which was funded in part through this mini-grant, was for a bicycle playground component designed for younger riders age 3-10 yrs. The playground was completed in July 2018 and has been an extremely popular family destination which includes a winding course filled with fun features such as tunnels and an obstacle course of large concrete traffic cons. The City is planning to construct a third phase of the bicycle park in 2020 which will be geared to more experienced riders that are able to navigate more aggressive types of features.



FUNDING

Grant Award: \$5,000.00

Match: \$14,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$19,000.00

PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

The City had several project partners including St. Luke's, the D&L Corridor, and the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation which provided assistance to the project in the form of funding, design, and programming.

CHALLENGE

Easton is trying to reinvent itself as a premier walkable and bike-friendly community and projects like the bicycle playground really do serve a role in accomplishing that objective. The City is blessed to have really beautiful trail connectivity that links its neighborhoods to the downtown urban core as well as attractions such as Hugh Moore Park and the Simon Silk Mill. With such infrastructure in place, it becomes easier to promote outdoor recreation and increase trail use.







SOLUTION

By providing fun and accessible recreation opportunities such as the bicycle playground, we are essentially helping to connect young people and their families to nature in a positive way that will hopefully foster the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts.

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