

Broad Run Park
West Bradford Township
Chester County, PA

Project Description:

There are not many other places in Chester County that offer so many recreational opportunities as Broad Run Park, West Bradford's first township park. Completed in 2001, the park offers an in-line skating rink, basketball courts, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, a large open recreation field, a playground, picnic areas, a walking and jogging trail, a fishing pier, and a community building. It would be easy to take the family here for an afternoon and call it a mini-vacation. A DCNR development grant of \$100,000 matched by Chester County enabled the conversion of a former dairy and Christmas tree farm into a bustling community park meeting the needs of all generations. While there are many different facilities that you can enjoy, it is not overcrowded as the park sits comfortably within 30 acres and is part of a larger 82 acres shared between the Township and the School District. The walking trail connects to the nearby West Bradford Elementary School, and is ADA accessible. The fishing pier and playgrounds also allow handicap access.



Broad Run Park benefits a nearby housing development by both providing an area for recreation and increasing the value of the homes. When designing the park, the natural features and habitats were highlighted, rather than altered. "The preservation of habitat areas and the unique land features has made the Broad Run Park an important place in our community," said Jack Hines, the Township Manager for West Bradford.

DCNR's support for development of this first township park set a strong foundation on which other parks were subsequently built. The Township has gone on to develop Shadyside Park, also with DCNR assistance, as it enlarges its township public park system. The Township's aim is to make each park better than the last, so expect future parks to be just as phenomenal as this one.



Quote: Jack M. Hines Jr., Township Manager
 "People from outside the community tell others of this great park that they go to, and we encourage use whether it be our residents or those of our neighbors."

Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:

1997: \$100,000 Keystone Grant
 Matching Funds: \$822,000
 West Bradford Township - \$622,000
 Chester County - \$200,000