

**Central Park
 Doylestown Township
 Bucks County, PA**

Project Description:

Local students will now be able to take their studies into the outdoor classroom in Central Park in Doylestown Township. A new Environmental Education Grove, two bocce courts, and a multi-purpose activities center are the highlights of the renovation. Students can now take their studies outdoors thanks to strategically placed benches and whiteboards. The park, which is home to at least 137 different species of birds, is a great area to experience nature firsthand. DCNR funded this site for its available outdoor recreation options. People can play in some of the open field, or just enjoy watching nature. Signage located along a trail that circles a pond provides detailed descriptions of various wildlife and fauna. The Environmental Education Grove has seen usage by local Boy and Girl Scout groups along with local schoolchildren who have been using the facilities to fulfill their



environmental education curriculum. The Township installed bat boxes along with specific areas for birds and butterflies to thrive in the wetlands area that runs adjacent to the park. A trail is being planned to run through the wetlands area so that visitors can see some of the native turtle species that inhabit the area. The park is accessible by the bike and hike trail system that runs through the Township. If you enjoy a game of bocce, stop by the park to sign up for a bocce league. The bocce courts are becoming more popular and harder to get on, now that the athletes in the Special Olympics use them for practice. This outstanding project that mixes both education and recreation has had an immediate impact on the area.



Quote: Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation, Doylestown Township

“It is a great asset for our community, both educationally and recreationally. People have been delighted to both walk and learn in the same park.”

Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:

2003:\$40,000
 Matching Funds- \$50,000 Department of Community and Economic Development Grant