

**Market Square Memorial Park  
 Marcus Hook Borough  
 Delaware County, PA**

**Project Description:**

A beautiful summer day in a park can only be beaten by a beautiful summer day in a riverfront park. Marcus Hook Borough has this incredible asset in Market Square Memorial Park. In 1985, DCNR provided a \$25,000 Land and Water Conservation fund grant to enable the Borough to acquire 2+ acres on the riverfront for park expansion. Today, the park has over 600 feet of riverfront on 3 acres of land and offers views of the ships passing by on the Delaware River. It is a great spot to picnic during summer months, and is the host of many community festivals and events throughout the year. The park attracts both old and young, as a playground is located within the park. A community center was developed next door to the park and development of a public marina is currently in the planning phase.

Due to the excellent recreational opportunities and opportunities for community festivals that have attracted larger crowds, the Borough realized it needed more parking. The Borough decided to create a parking lot that would match its impressive park and enable more users to access the park. According to Borough Manager Bruce Dorbian, "The project sought to include the best elements of a "park" into

**Quote:** Bruce Dorbian, Marcus Hook Borough Manager

"Market Square Memorial Park is a major local and regional attraction. The ability to utilize the park to its fullest potential is maximized by providing a dedicated parking facility on Borough owned property."



the "park...ing" facility." With a partnership of DCNR, DEP's Coastal Zone Management Program and the Borough, a lot next to the park was developed with extensive landscaping including 21 deciduous trees, 13 flowering trees and 20 evergreen trees, for a total of 54 trees in and around the new parking lot. More parking spots could have been added, but the

Borough wanted to maintain a park-like ambiance. The same vintage lighting was used that was already in the park. Attractive brick along Delaware Avenue denotes the seamless transition from parking lot to the park. The parking lot is fully ADA accessible.

DCNR was supportive of funding this park amenity, due to its prior funding of the park and the partnership



developed for the lot. The land was generously donated by Sunoco, Inc. The borough was willing to use its capital dollars to invest in a community "green" development project, knowing of the extensive

positive economic and quality of life benefits that would result.

**Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:**

- 2003: \$100,000 Keystone Grant
- Matching Funds - \$142,000
- Coastal Zone Management Program - \$100,000
- Marcus Hook Borough - \$42,000