

**Keene Community Park
 Center Township
 Snyder County, PA**

Project Description:

Residents in Center Township, Snyder County have wanted a municipal park for awhile. Now, they'll have one. A master site development plan for Keene Community Park has been prepared and work is underway in the park's construction.

The park will encompass a renovated ball field, playground, picnic pavilions, walking trails and amenities. Situated in the town of Penns Creek, the park is located near a school and residential areas, making its facilities easily accessible.

It's not just the facilities that planners are considering – it's the layout, too. Fairly flat walking trails will connect different parts of the park such as covered pavilions and an all purpose court.

"The park will be set up that all ages and groups of people will be able to enjoy and take advantage of the facilities," said Teresa Hibbs, Secretary-Treasurer in Center Township.

Those various groups of people include children of all ages and their families, the elderly, dog walkers and sports teams from both inside and outside Snyder County.

"Center Township is very excited about this project... We have had overwhelming enthusiasm by the community as a whole," she said.



Quote: Teresa Hibbs, Secretary-Treasurer, Center Township

"The park has all ready promoted a sense of community. Many residents have been involved in the planning process before we completed the master site plan. We tried to involve people of all ages to represent everyone. The elderly, young adults, parents, sports teams etc., plus a fund raising committee is being formed as I speak of residents in the Township."



That enthusiasm is evident in the volunteer efforts that are going into this project.

"We have had an overwhelming response from businesses, professionals, sports teams, etc. Donated materials, professional advice from a lawyer who lives in our Township, cash donations [and] donated services have all been put into place," Hibbs said.

DCNR funded the project with \$15,000 worth of Keystone grant money. But, that money would not have been enough to complete the \$30,000 project without the community-wide volunteer and donation efforts. Center Township received the money in 2006 and the development project will be completed in three phases over a span of three years.

Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:

2006: \$15,000

Local Match: \$15,000