

**Green Valley Park  
 New Sewickley Township  
 Beaver County, PA**

**Project Description:**

Years ago the Department of Environmental Resources, which later split into DCNR and DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), first provided grant money to New Sewickley Township for Green Valley Park. In 2005 DCNR funded a revitalization of that same park.

“Our renovation involved the removal of outdated and non-accessible play equipment and the installation of a handicap accessible play area,” said Bob Capo, a New Sewickley Township Board Member.

The play area includes slides, monkey bars and a tunnel, which stand separately from a children’s climbing wall. Picnic tables, wooden train and bulldozer play structures and a basketball court surround the newly built facilities.

“The play area is centrally located so that children can use it while siblings play on the ball fields and as families use the shelters. The added safety of the new equipment compared to the old is notable,” Capo said.

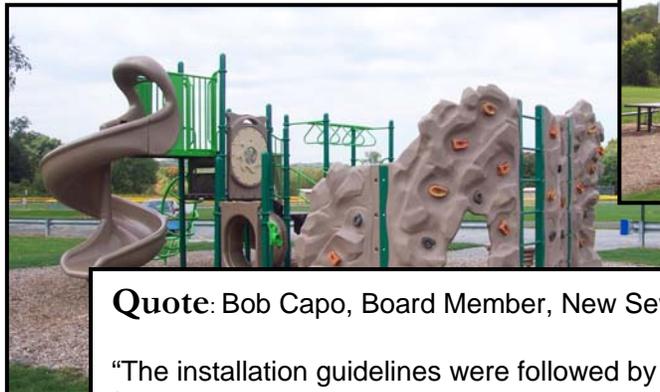
Green Valley Park also offers an exercise and walking trail, youth soccer, baseball and softball fields and pavilions.

“During the sport seasons there are games and practices every day of the week. On weekends, the park’s three shelters are rented and fully booked during the months of good weather,” Capo said.



Group gatherings are common here. New Sewickley Township volunteers assembled the play equipment together and Green Valley Park continues to be a gathering place for residents. The Community Days festival was hosted there in the summer of 2007 where residents came together to enjoy live music, food, games, a car cruise and fireworks.

DCNR provided \$17,300 in Keystone grant money to support the project. This also funded other work in the park including the instillation of ADA access, benches, signs and safety surfacing around the play equipment.



**Quote:** Bob Capo, Board Member, New Sewickley Township  
 “The installation guidelines were followed by the all volunteer work force that installed the equipment and the result is a playground that blends well with the surroundings and is appreciated by the residents.”

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

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2004: \$17,300  
 Local match: \$17,300