



Forrest R. Mellott Sports Complex Southern Fulton School District

Fulton County, PA

P roject Description:

Southern Fulton County is known for its gently rolling hills and expansive farms and pastures. The area's rich agricultural history has traditionally lent itself to an abundance of open space but also very little venues for organized sports activity. Recognizing this deficiency, in 2000 the Southern Fulton School District commissioned a private consulting firm to determine the feasibility of developing a sports complex. The facility would be used for educational, athletic and community activities and would contain the first regulation intermediate baseball and softball fields in the entire school district.

Two possible sites were explored-- an area behind the Jr./Sr. High School that housed an existing set of non-regulation ball fields and an unused site also located adjacent to the High School property. Ultimately, the unused site was chosen to construct the Southern Fulton School District, Forrest R. Mellott Sports Complex. The construction of

"Grants similar to those received from DCNR are absolutely vital to small school districts such as ours and it was absolutely vital to the success of our project and it could not have been done without DCNR's cooperation and the funds provided as such. We are appreciative of the help we received for our project and once again it just simply could not have happened had we not had (Growing Greener) funding."



*Mr. Ralph Scott,
Superintendent –
Southern Fulton
School District*



the complex would allow the school's athletic program to expand. This would mean that students would no longer have to travel to Bedford County or into Maryland to participate in athletics.

In the fall of 2000 the Southern Fulton School District filed an application with DCNR for grant funding to support the construction of the Sports Complex. The lack of existing facilities, previous planning, a thorough public participation process and support from a number of partners aided the application in scoring well. As a result, in 2001 the Southern Fulton School District

received an award for \$100,000 in Growing Greener monies to construct the Forrest R. Mellott Sports Complex. Today, the facility serves the citizens of the Southern Fulton County School District, which includes Union, Bethel, Thompson, Belfast and Brush Creek townships.

Amount of funds awarded, year and matching sources:

2001: Total Project Cost \$207,051
Grant Amount: \$100,000 (GG1)
Local Match: \$107,051
