



Capital Area Greenbelt  
Susquehanna Township

Dauphin County, PA

**P**roject Description:

The Capital Area Greenbelt is a trail that circles the city of Harrisburg connects Riverfront Park, Cameron Parkway, Paxtang Park, Paxtang Parkway, Reservoir Park, the grounds of the State Hospital, Harrisburg Area Community College and Wildwood Lake. This “jewel necklace” rings around Pennsylvania’s capital city, is designed to provide its visitors an opportunity to hike,

ride bicycles, skate, jog, walk their dog, practice up on flora and fauna identification and generally appreciate nature. The Greenbelt is supported and maintained through a cooperative effort between several local municipalities, a couple of state and federal agencies, and many neighboring residents and those concerned about preservation of community green space. The Capital Area Greenbelt Association was formed as an IRS

501(c)(3) non-profit organization to act as a liaison between all concerned parties, and to organize and plan the continued stewardship of the Capital Area Greenbelt trail.

Keystone funding has been used to construct, plan and acquire various

sections of the Greenbelt in partnership with the local municipalities in which the trail is located.

Susquehanna Township first received Keystone funding

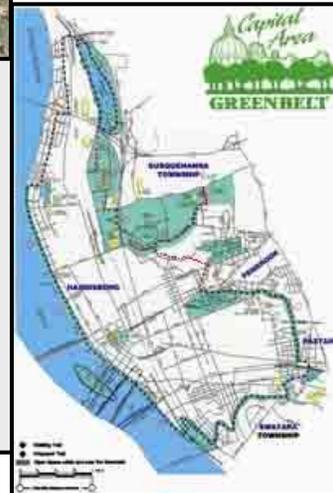


to acquire a 2 mile section of the Greenbelt. It then received Tea-21 Enhancement funding for construction materials to match DCNR’s Keystone design funding with an 80/20 match scenario. This funding was used to construct a 2-mile section owned by Susquehanna Township from Harrisburg Area Community College to Reservoir Park. This project was a result of a true

partnership between Susquehanna Township and Harrisburg Area Greenbelt Association, and also includes shared maintenance responsibility. This maintenance mainly consists of mowing, trimming, and keeping the storm water drains open.



*A downtown Harrisburg employee points to the Greenbelt as a factor for relocating here. She adds “I use the Greenbelt for transportation to work, shopping and recreation. I have driven my car in Harrisburg so infrequently in the 4 months that I have lived here that I have used only 1.5 tanks of gasoline for local travel! The Greenbelt is so heavily used by people for both recreation and transportation that at times the paved section along the river looks like a “traffic jam” of people, mainly during the afternoons and late evenings.”*



**Amount of funds awarded, year and matching sources:**

Total Project Cost: \$924,806

Matching funds:      Tea-21 \$462,403  
                                 Grant \$142,000