

South Lake Preserve
 Ice House Park

Crawford County, PA

Project Description:



Crawford County has received a total of \$394,000 in Keystone funds to convert the industrial/commercial uses of the former Conneaut Lake Ice Company at Conneaut Lake to public open space at Ice House Park. Conneaut Lake is the largest natural, inland lake in Pennsylvania. The park, which will be built at the south end of the lake, will protect the view of Conneaut Lake from the east entrance into town.

The site will be regraded to provide open visual access to Conneaut Lake. New sidewalks, benches and historic interpretive features will be installed.

“From the times of the lake area’s early settlement to the canal and railroad eras and more recent times, we’re going to portray as much as we can of the history of the area. There are a lot of potential good things to happen here. It’s going to be a community center.”

Robert Moss



The newly constructed park will be planted with new lawn areas and shade trees.

Utilities will be improved to allow for the installation of pedestrian lighting and electrical service for community day booths. Future phases will address the development of a historic interpretive/tourist center, docks, fishing access and sidewalk and curbs along state routes 322/6/18.

Another benefit of this park is that it will be the connection to downtown. This will serve as a hub for pedestrian and bicycle access. The extension of Ernst Trail will end at the Conneaut Cellars Winery, which is only a short walk to Ice House Park.

Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:

2007

Total Project Cost \$ 978,000

Grant Amount: \$ 394,350

Match: \$583,650