



Lock Haven, Flood Protection Authority's River Walk Improvements Project

Lock Haven, Clinton County, PA

Project Description:

With the assistance from DCNR Keystone funding, the Lock Haven Flood Protection Authority recently constructed a City Beach Overlook, which provides a scenic vista for river watchers along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. Situated adjacent to a paved 2.25-mile pedestrian river walk, the overlook has become a favorite activity center for City residents of all ages who wish to take a few moments to relax after a long walk or jog. The overlook provides the perfect setting for mothers to watch their children on the sandy beach below or for old friends to "catch up" on a lazy summer afternoon.

Keystone funding also assisted in providing electricity to the floating stage, positioned on the river in front of a 2,000-seat amphitheater where the City presents summer concerts from June through August each year; removable railings for the amphitheater; a concrete pad to moor the stage; and steps leading to the river walkway.

Financial partners in this project included Lock Haven University, Clinton County Economic Partnership and



"This project ties the City to its most untapped resource.... the river. The City beach provides free summer recreation for families to enjoy and the river/beach overlook provides a peaceful place for a downtown professional to have lunch or a Senior to daydream his day away. Providing electricity to the floating stage has enabled the City to change its image by providing free summer concerts so families can spend quality time enjoying the prettiest place in Pennsylvania together."

Richard P. Vilello, Jr., Mayor, City of Lock Haven

the Lock Haven Federal Enterprise Community Program as well as the City of Lock Haven's use of federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds. The total project costs were \$181,500, of which \$60,500 in Keystone funds were provided by DCNR.

According to Maria Boileau, Main Street Manager, Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., "This project has been a major improvement to the

River Walk. So many residents and visitors use the River Walk on a daily basis. Now there is an attractive site for groups and individuals to enjoy the river.

"The improvements to the floating stage have enhanced the summer concert series which has attracted thousands of people to downtown Lock Haven and Clinton County. It is projects like this that help to revitalize our community."

Amount of funds awarded, year and matching sources:

1998: \$60,500 Keystone funding

Matching funds:

Lock Haven University (\$5,000)

City of Lock Haven. (\$50,000)

Clinton County Economic Partner (\$500)

Lock Haven Federal Enterprise (\$5,000)