

Rice's Landing Borough  
 Boat Docks

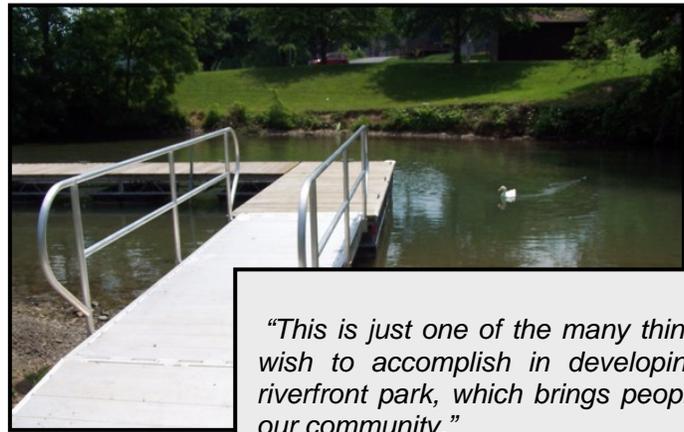
Greene County, PA

**P**roject Description:

Rice's Landing Borough is a 450 resident community situated along the Monongahela River in northeastern Greene County. They were able to gain staunch support for creating boat docks from their community, legislators, county commissioners, county Park and Recreation Department, Upper Monongahela Water Trail group and Steel Industry Heritage Corporation.

Rice's Landing was designated as a primary landing site in the Monongahela River Conservation Plan, done in partnership with DCNR in 1997 by Mackin Engineering Company. This plan was contracted by the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, which is part of the Pennsylvania Heritage Area Program. In the Rivers Conservation Program, established by DCNR, a funding source exists for the implementation of management options in approved plans. Also, support was easy to find in the goals of the federally designated Rivers of Steel Heritage Area. Their goals are to conserve, interpret, promote and manage the historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources of southwestern Pennsylvania. The Greene County Board of Commissioners and the Greene County Department of Recreation supported the creation of a docking place at Rice's Landing, as there were no public facilities within the county, whose eastern border is formed by the Monongahela River. Also, the Upper Monongahela Water Trail group expressed a sincere interest in establishing Rice's Landing as a stopping point on the water trail, which encompasses all of the Monongahela River from Fairmont, West Virginia, to Pittsburgh. Creating docks for public use along the Monongahela River is just a great fit!

Their proposal included the construction and installation of floating steel frame truss boat docks in the Monongahela River that abuts the property recently acquired from the Army Corps of Engineers at the former Lock Six. The site has a large asphalt



*"This is just one of the many things we wish to accomplish in developing our riverfront park, which brings people into our community."*

*Debbie Haring, Secretary  
 Treasure Administrator,  
 Rice's Landing Borough*



paved area that has a bandstand, storage shed and restrooms. There also is a large picnic pavilion in the vicinity, all owned by the borough. Because of monetary constraints, they decided to phase the project. Phase I included docks to accommodate six boats along the existing lock wall.

DCNR provided a \$19,000 grant from the Keystone Fund for the first phase. The waterfront of Rice's Landing Borough was once the site of Lock 6 on the Upper Monongahela River. Therefore, a ten foot high concrete wall exists that was part of the original lock construction. The wall is interrupted by the mouth of the Pumpkin Run Stream. A public boat launch currently allows watercraft to be placed in the river. It was intended that the proposed boat docks be adjacent and auxiliary to this launch. Also, a concrete walkway was built along Pumpkin Run to a gangway ramp that enables access to a floating boardwalk which circumvents the lock wall to the docks in the river. All of the necessary lighting and anchoring to the lock wall were also part of this project.

Since the completion of Phase I, there are a rising number of area residents and visitors who have an interest in boating related activities. The borough has since secured a second DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Grant, which was awarded through the Keystone Fund, for Phase 2, 3 and 4 of this project for \$115,000. This final phase includes a partnership with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission where they will expand the docks along the existing lock wall 1,350 feet including 15 ride on lifts for personal watercraft.

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

2003: \$19,000 Keystone funding

Matching Funds:	In-Kind Service Borough- \$200	Volunteer services, Fireman- \$192
	Volunteer Services, Scuba Crew- \$288	Volunteer Services, Boyscouts- \$96
	Equipment Services- \$180	