

Aquetong Springs Grant

Supervisor Jim Searing made the following announcement to the Supervisors at the 2/2 meeting:

In April 2015, we celebrated the historic occasion of taking down the Aquetong Lake dam at Aquetong Spring Park. I'm pleased to announce that the Township was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation. This grant, under the Community Conservation Partnership program, along with matching funds from Solebury Township, will be used to help restore the stream bank and meadows, construct pedestrian paths and parking access, and create educational signage, ADA access, deer protection and other site improvements.

Many people and organizations played a role in helping us receive this grant. They include Township Manager Dennis Carney who spearheaded the project; Landscape Architect William Collins and his team at Simone Collins; the ad-hoc committee appointed by the BOS to provide guidance on the grant application, including Supervisor Jim Searing; Les Isbrandt, President of the Aquetong Watershed Association; Frank Nassetta representing Bucks County Trout Unlimited, and Barry Fetterolf on behalf of the township's Environmental Advisory Council. We also thank Solebury's Parks and Recreation Committee, the Carversville Farm Foundation, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Representative Scott Petri, State Senator Chuck McIlhenny and Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick for your continuing support.

We also want to recognize the major support by Bucks County Commissioners Rob Loughery, Diane Marseglia and Charlie Martin in helping us preserve this land, restore the stream, and for your direct assistance in helping us obtain this grant.

Solebury, Bucks County and the Commonwealth are making a major commitment to restore the ecological integrity of the Aquetong Creek. Aquetong Spring Park, and the Aquetong Creek, will be a major recreational and educational resource for our township and the surrounding region.