Brownfields to Playfields Pilot Project

Fairground Avenue Linear Park
Carlisle Borough, Cumberland County

The stormwater park project is located on the former IAC/Masland Carpet industrial site as an important part of Carlisle’s urban redevelopment plan. The first phase of two acres of open green space will be built in 2017 to coincide with the first phase of mixed-use development which, when completed, will include new housing, retail stores, a hotel and restaurants.

The park will create an inter-connected linear park with pedestrian and bicycle trails, a public gathering space, spray park, rain gardens and other amenities. Its unique design includes an innovative stormwater management system to mitigate flooding problems and provide a positive environmental benefit for Carlisle’s Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. The primary goal for the community plan is to ensure that the redevelopment “meshes” with the existing neighborhoods and the downtown.

Sources of Funding
2013 US EPA Area-Wide Planning Grant- $200K
2015 US EPA Assessment Grant - $400K
2016 US EPA Job Training Grant - $200K
2015 DEP Growing Greener 2 - $95K
2016 DCNR C2P2 grant – $150K
2016 US TIGER grant - $5M
2016 PennDOT Multimodal - $2M & $1.5M/$380K
DCED Community Dev Block Grant – $80K
Chesapeake Bay Trust - $30K
Federal NFWF - $599K
National Endowment of the Arts - $10K