Brownfields to Playfields Pilot Project

Kaier’s Playground
Mahanoy City Borough, Schuylkill County

Located at the site of the former Kaier’s Brewery, this 0.3 acre park will include a picnic pavilion, picnic tables, park benches, ADA accessible pathways, a 2-5, and a 5-12 year old play structures including climbing walls, two swing sets, four way see saw, a merry-go-round. The site amenities will include a project sign, new fencing, and several trees.

The brewery and distillery operation was founded by Charles D. Kaier in 1880. In its heyday, it was a successful commercial production and one of the largest breweries in Pennsylvania. After closing in 1968, the structures fell into disrepair, posing health and safety hazards to the neighborhood residents. In 2017, the site was razed for reuse as a municipal park.

Sources of Funding

2014 DCED Keystone Communities Grant - $20k
2015 DCED Keystone Communities Grant - $280k
DCED Community Dev Block Grant - $22k
2015 CFA Greenways, Trails & Rec - $120K
2015 DCNR Keystone Grant - $150K