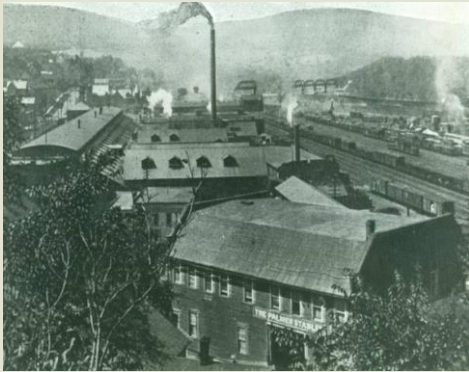




Brownfields to Playfields Pilot Project

Ira Reynolds Riverfront Park

Susquehanna Depot Borough, Susquehanna County



This project is located along the Susquehanna River on a portion of the former Erie Rail Yard site that ceased operations in the mid-1970's after more than a century in Susquehanna Depot. A manufactured gas plant, an auto salvage operation, and an auto repair shop also operated in the area throughout the years. Initial investigations found widespread heavy metals contamination such as lead and arsenic related to historic activities.

Beginning in 2017, after coordination with the Borough of Susquehanna Depot, the DEP began implementing an interim clean-up response that included excavation of contaminated soils, re-grading land, site demolition and soil capsulation over approximately 14 acres of contaminated land with funding from the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund.

Park development began in 2019 with lamp posts installation along the river side of the park, as well as the foundation laid for a pavilion and an electrical building. In Spring of 2020, over a mile of trail and fencing along the park near a riverbank concrete highwall and a volleyball court were installed – all made possible by C2P2 grant funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Future plans include installation of a pavilion, an electrical building and eventually a paved parking area. An official dedication for the park is planned for 2021.

The Borough of Susquehanna Depot, with funding and technical assistance from DCNR, DCED, DEP and others has invested over \$2 million transforming this former brownfield site into a valuable community asset that will provide recreation and enjoyment to residents for years to come.

Sources of Funding

2016 DCNR C2P2 grant – \$250,000

2017-2020 DEP Hazardous Sites
Cleanup budget (HSCA) – \$1.9 Million



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