



Climbers Run Nature Preserve

Conservation and Management Plan

Challenge

The Lancaster County Conservancy wishes to enhance nature awareness and build stronger environmental connection through outreach activities at Climbers Run Nature Preserve. The site has become the center of volunteer stewardship activities and public use for recreation, education, research, and community engagement in the heart of the Susquehanna Riverlands. A conservation master plan was needed to guide the vision for the future.

Solution

LandStudies, in collaboration with YSM Landscape Architects, Recreation and Park Solutions, and Cornerstone Design worked together with the assistance of DCNR funding to develop a program that blends recreational uses with conservation training and demonstration. LandStudies gathered background data and conducted interviews with key stakeholders to gain insight into specific issues and opportunities. A site assessment and analysis was also performed alongside Conservancy staff to lay the foundation for a viable management plan. Preliminary sketches were developed based on the compiled information to provide potential alternative recommendations for general use areas, programming elements, circulation and land management strategies. The proposed program improvements were designed with a focus on land management and natural resources. Architectural services for the Nature Center included renovations to existing buildings and an improved maintenance facility for the proposed land management strategies.

Services

Assessment | Design and Planning | Market Study | Operation and Maintenance | Funding Opportunities



Stream Assessment



Existing Conditions

Client: Lancaster County Conservancy
 Location: Pequea, PA



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