

**Pine Hill Regional Recreation Area
 Washington Twp.
 Franklin County, PA**

Project Description:

There aren't many places that attract senior citizens, dog walkers, skateboarders and children simultaneously. Pine Hill Regional Recreation Area is an exception. In May 2002, DCNR provided \$55,000 in Keystone grant funds to further develop Pine Hill. Work included the construction of a play area, pavilion, parking lot and ADA access.

"This recreation area is designed for all ages, and that is exactly who uses it – everyone. The park... has become a popular place for seniors to come to sit and enjoy the view, walk the trails and watch the skateboarders," said Jerry Zeigler, Washington Township Code Enforcement Officer.

The park also attracts a wide variety of users who come to admire views of Michaux State forest, especially when the leaves change color in the fall. Families enjoy the atmosphere provided by the playground and pavilions. Area baseball, softball, soccer and football youth leagues practice and compete on the park's fields. Groups of up to twenty have met at the park to walk their dogs on the trails.

It is not just Washington Township residents who enjoy the park, which is located about two miles from the Maryland state line.

According to Zeigler, "Our park users come from three municipalities in Pennsylvania, two counties in Maryland, and the skate park draws users from four states on a regular basis."

Volunteer committees, Boy Scouts, youth groups and local residents have all supported the park, whether through planning



projects, building trails or donating money.

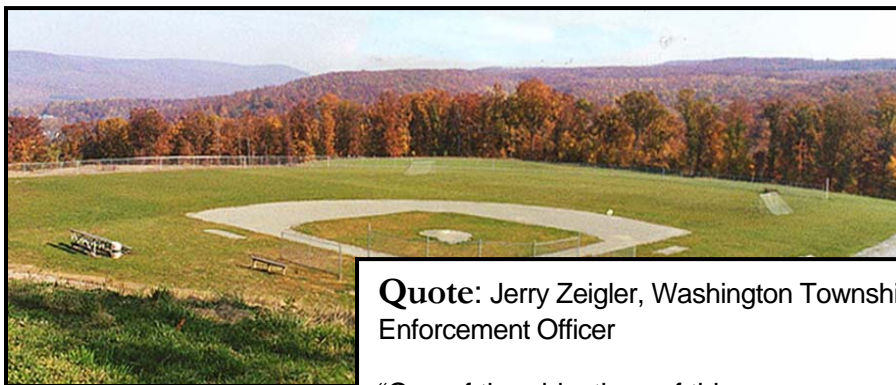
"Pine Hill has been a community effort to provide a recreation area that is top of the line, and the contributions to the park, in work, material and

dollars, have been almost unbelievable," said Zeigler.

Washington Township attained Pine Hill Regional Recreation Area in 1992. Since then, DCNR has partially funded other projects, too: a master site plan, land acquisition and construction at Pine Hill. The park encompasses a soccer/football field, softball and baseball field, skate park, pavilions, volleyball court, playground, horseshoe pits and trail. Township planners are already looking toward the park's future additions, which hopefully will include more restrooms, pavilions, a roller hockey rink and a small community center building.

Despite their numerous offerings, the 174 acres of Pine Hill remain largely in their natural wooded state. This recreation area certainly provides a welcome

contrast to the rapidly growing and developing Washington Township.



Quote: Jerry Zeigler, Washington Township Code Enforcement Officer

"One of the objectives of this area was, and is, to bring together the young and the old, the grandparents and grandchildren, and to achieve a mix of facilities attractive to all age groups. Thus far, it has been gratifying to see how well this objective has been reached with all ages using the recreation area and interacting with each other."

Amount of Keystone funding awarded, year and matching sources:

2003: \$49,500

2005: \$5,500