

Project: Honey Hollow Watershed: Wetland and Riparian Buffer Restoration Project

Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow

Final Report, June 2023

Work completed. A new was bridge built in March 2023 with funds from this grant at a key site on our property. Approximately 5,000 children visit Honey Hollow each year for field trips and camp. We allow hikers to use the trails 365 days a year from dawn until dusk. Nearly all of these individuals cross the bridge at this site, a beautiful wooded stream on a particularly popular trail. The exact count is hard to discern but it is likely that about 10,000 people will cross this bridge each year, with about half of these children on a natural educational journey.

The bridge that we replaced in early 2023 was deteriorating and creating safety concerns about how long it would last. As well as resolving these concerns, the new bridge made a critical safety enhancement by adding a hand rail.

Other Support. The entire project was completed using volunteer labor and funding for materials from LDWS. We were able to complete construction on this project very quickly, by the middle of March 2023. This is because the volunteers building it for us have the necessary expertise and experience. They had been awaiting the materials, which this Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River mini grant enabled us to acquire. No additional or matching funds were needed; funding from LDWS covered the purchase of all materials for the new bridge.

All work on this project was performed by regular volunteers who care greatly about Bucks County Audubon Society and our mission. Some of these property volunteers have substantial professional carpentry and construction experience, and we are fortunate to be able to call on this expertise. No unforeseen difficulties arose during the building of the new bridge.

Publicity

Cindy Kunnas of LDWS visited the new bridge in March of 2023 and experienced the new bridge firsthand. It is much more sturdy and attractive than the older bridge, which was at least 40 years old. Photos of this visit and the bridge were shared to Facebook in March and June of 2023.

Please see further publicity materials below, under “Images Part 2.”

Images part 1: Before & After

Left: The old bridge, 2022. Central location but deteriorating, with no handrails for safety.
Right: Early 2023. The new bridge under construction mid-project.



The new bridge, 2023: rock solid lower support, ace carpentry, handrails for safety.



New bridge 2023: a second view. This bridge is ready for camp.

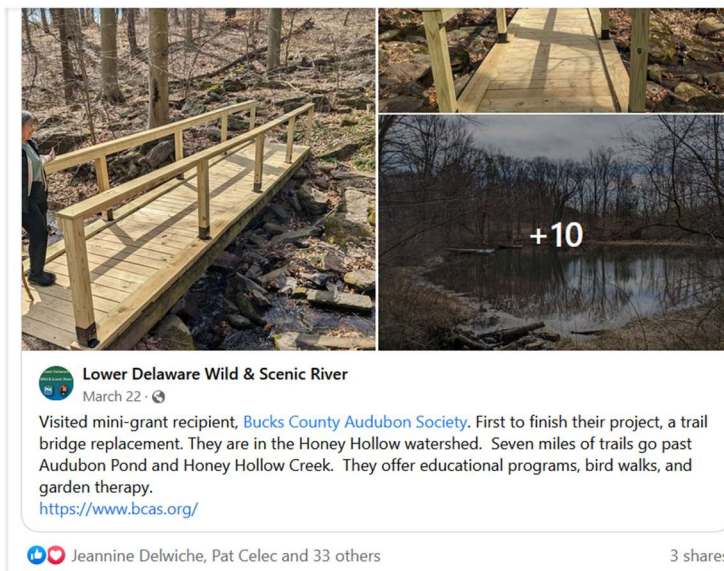


Images part 2: Social Media Acknowledgment and Site Visit


March 22, 2023: Site visit with Cindy from LDWSR, mutual social media share 1 of 2



March 2023: Site visit, social media share 2 of 2. The area has grown much greener since.



June 12, 2023. Another Facebook post, just before summer camp begins.

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All ready for camp: a brand new bridge at one of the nicest spots at Honey Hollow. This bridge was built by our regular volunteers and it was funded by a mini grant from our friends at [Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River](#). The new bridge adds a railing for safety, and replaces a structure that was well-used and aging. We are all ready for heavy foot traffic this summer.

