

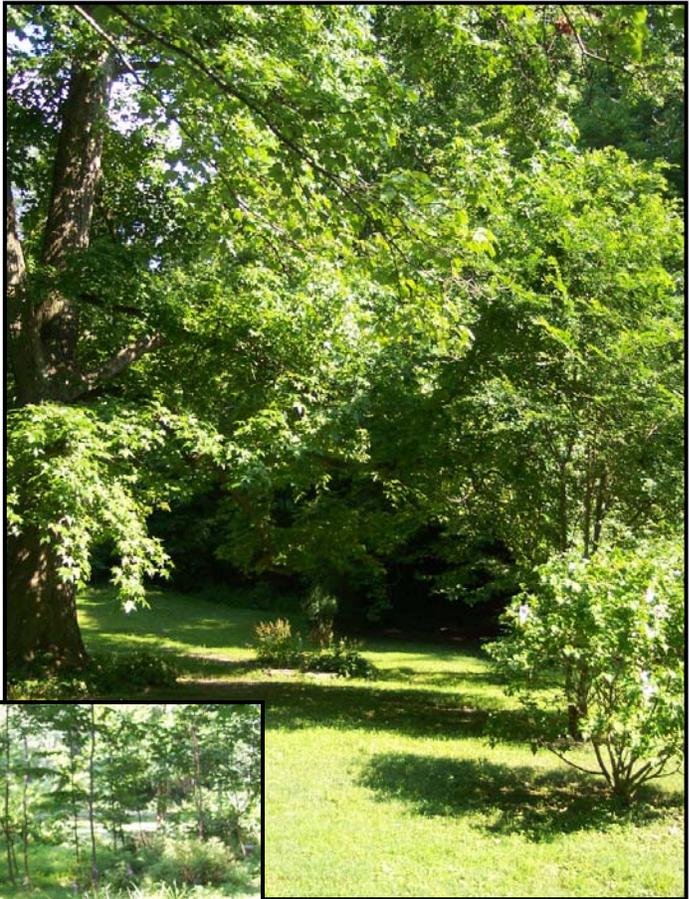
**Rose Valley Borough Green**  
**Borough of Rose Valley**  
**Delaware County, PA**

**Project Description:**

Walking around the Rose Valley Borough Green, you will notice six buildings that were constructed prior to the Civil War. If these buildings were located near a mini-mall, they would not leave visitors with a great impression. Keeping the area in its natural state will not only ensure that the land is preserved, but will help to preserve the historic buildings as well. A \$98,000 DCNR Rivers Conservation acquisition grant to the Borough of Rose Valley enabled them to

acquire the 1.02 acre parcel Rhodes tract owned by a local resident. The parcel is located along a tributary to Ridley Creek, Vernon Run, and is only a short walk to the Long Point Wildlife Sanctuary and Saul Wildlife Preserve. This property is the most valuable acre as it lies in the geographic center of the Borough, which makes it the perfect location to create open space for its residents. The Borough developed it into a new "Borough Green" that links together Borough owned trails in the Saul Preserve and a walking trail that runs along some of the historic buildings. The property will also help to stabilize the river during flooding events.

The Borough can thank its residents for the new Green. During the time DCNR was reviewing the proposal, the price of the property rose. Along with the Hedgerow Theatre located just a minute's walk away from the green, the Borough put on an interesting play on the Green. The play told the story



of the Green from the times of the Minquas Indians, and at the end an auction was held. The natural landscape was auctioned off tree by tree. The sunshine that reflected off the creek was sold to

a lucky owner for \$500. That night alone raised \$50,000 for the acquisition. Getting the community involved not only helped the Borough get the land, but also gave residents a chance to understand and support the protection of the natural assets in their neighborhood. The Borough is working on becoming a Historic Borough due to the 90 buildings dating back to before Civil War times.

**Quote:** Tim Plummer, Rose Valley Borough Council

"Perhaps the most valuable acre of ground in the Borough, it is located at its geographic center at the entrance to the Borough Office and the Old Mill Social Center. The acre, being preserved as permanent open space, is surrounded by buildings constructed prior to the Civil War."

**Amount of Keystone funding awarded and matching sources:**

\$98,000 Rivers Conservation Keystone Grant  
 Matching Funds: \$100,000 from local residents