

# CAPITOL HILL UPDATE

REP. JIM GERLACH (PA-06)

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## *National Park Service Grant for Chester County environmental center*

PHOENIXVILLE -- Jim Gerlach presented Chester County officials with a \$195,000 check from the National Park Service to help complete the construction of an environmentally-friendly recreation and education center called the Black Rock Sanctuary in Phoenixville.



Commissioners' Chairman Don Mancini added: "This grant will enable us to accomplish the development of this interpretive trail with yet another partner from the federal government."

"I applaud the County's efforts to make a significant investment in the quality of life here in Phoenixville," Rep. Gerlach said. "The Black Rock Sanctuary is already a wonderful location for walking and for area school children to come and learn more about the environment around them."



Water Conservation Fund. The grant will help the County finish building interpretive, hands-on education stations along the Black Rock Sanctuary's hiking trails; continue building and improving the Sanctuary's extensive trail system; and complete the parking area.

The \$195,000 grant awarded to Chester County in February is from the National Park Service's Land and



"Black Rock Sanctuary is a great springboard for education, with the numerous interpretive stations," said Chester County Commissioner Carol Aichele. "This grant will provide funds for two new stations to be constructed per our original plans, and for inter-active displays to be installed at three stations constructed in 2003. They relate to geology, groundwater-recharge, and watersheds. It will be a great resource for teachers."

Situated on a more than 120-acre former de-silting property along the Schuylkill River, the County completed construction of wetlands throughout the Sanctuary in 2002 that are used by several species of waterfowl, wading birds and songbirds. To date, the Audubon's Schuylkill River project is funded in part by the William Penn Foundation, DCNR, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

### ***CAPITOL UPDATE -- TV SCHEDULE***

***The show airs at the following times:***

***Be sure not to miss any episodes of Rep. Gerlach's monthly cable TV show, Capitol Update. For April, Congressman Gerlach discusses with Georgia Congressman John Linder his FairTax legislation. Chester County veteran Garfield McCoy shares his tales of being a Prisoner of War during World War II.***

***Lower Merion Channel 7: M/W/F: 12:30AM, 8:30AM and 8:30 PM and at 12:30 PM on T/TH/Sat/Sun.***

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