



The Black Rock Sanctuary Interpretive Trail Project Phoenixville, PA



KMS is working with the Chester County Dept. of Parks and Recreation to complete the development of a highly interactive interpretive trail for the County's Black Rock Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary, one of 21 decanting basins located along the Schuylkill River is a remnant of the industrial revolution.



The trail, trailhead and interpretive stations designed by KMS provide visitors with a picture of the canal system and its aftermath of which the Schuylkill River was a part. The trail also describes wetland environments and their inhabitants and coordinates with Pennsylvania Department of Education's goals for environmental education. The exhibits teach by encouraging users to manipulate or participate in games that explain the complex interrelationships between humans and the natural environment.

This one-of-a-kind park also takes advantage of the site's location along the Atlantic Coast Flyway to create breeding and nesting habitat for rare and endangered migrating waterfowl.

The Sanctuary was recognized when, in 2006, the American Society of Landscape Architects presented the project with a design award as a truly exceptional example of reclamation and education.