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The Schuylkill Center Builds Rest Stop along Schuylkill River Trail

Philadelphia, PA – October 3, 2006 - On any given day throughout the year, the Schuylkill River Trail is a blur of activity. The wide, paved path provides the perfect escape for serious cyclists and recreational users, extending along the eastern bank of the Schuylkill River between Philadelphia and Valley Forge. At the northwestern edge of Philadelphia, the Trail runs right through Roxborough and crosses over Port Royal Avenue. Framing this portion of the Trail on either side are views of the Schuylkill River and thick forest. What most people don't know is that this forest bordering the Trail is actually The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. In fact, the entire southern side of The Schuylkill Center's property, approximately 2,800 feet, runs parallel to the Schuylkill River Trail.

With generous funding from GlaxoSmithKline and The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources through the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, The Schuylkill Center recently completed its Wayside Bike Stop project along the Trail. Work initially began on this project in spring 2003 with a feasibility study. Schuylkill Center staff and volunteers surveyed over 240 cyclists to determine what type of amenities that would be desired along the Trail. This project transformed the once unwelcoming Schuylkill Center border into a comfortable place to stop. Complete with a viewing platform that looks over The Center's first-order stream, Smith's Run, and large seating boulders, visitors are encouraged to take a rest before continuing their travels.

The Schuylkill Center looks forward to sharing the Trail with its many caretakers and users. For more information regarding The Center's Wayside Bike Stop, contact Ashleigh Poff at (215) 482-7300, ext. 139 or apoff@schuylkillcenter.org.

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