York River Watershed Grants Program – Project Summary Report

Provided to the York River Stewardship Committee

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Project name: York River Kayak Trips

Project summary:
The most recent phase of outfitting for the York River Kayak Trips was the purchase of a kayak trailer. This purchase enabled us to safely store, transport and clean the kayaks. The new kayak trailer can hold up to 14 kayaks. A custom storage box was built by Parks Staff to store all the paddles, pfds, and safety equipment needed for the trips. This purchase drastically improved the staff and volunteer experience running the program.

Project activities:
Purchased the kayak trailer kit and built it from the ground up. Purchased the necessary building materials to create a custom storage box that is attached to the trailer.

Project outcomes:
The purchase of the kayak trailer improved the safety and efficiency of running the York River Kayak Trips.

Summary:
York Parks and Recreation completed its third season offering kayaking trips on the York River. Beyond the trips listed on the P&R website that were provided to the community for free, we also partnered with the York Land Trust, York High School Marine Science Class, and York Middle School to offer special opportunities to experience the river at no additional cost. Special thanks to our co-leaders at the York Land Trust and members of the York River Stewardship Committee. Their knowledge of the river and surrounding watershed enhances the participants' experience and deepens their feeling of connection to the natural environment.