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FAS Warsaw Supports Environmental Awareness through 4-H Nature Trail

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Report Highlights:

FAS Warsaw, a partner and patron of a project “*Environmental protection through education and nature trails by 4-H clubs,*” supported 4H clubs in their journey of environmental education involving the construct of 15 nature trails. FAS Warsaw actively supported club efforts by attending official trail openings, recognizing teachers’ work and their dedication towards better education of Poland’s rural youth.

General Information:

FAS Warsaw, a partner and patron of the “*Environmental protection through education and nature trails by 4-H clubs*” project launched in 2007 by Heifer Project International and the regional Association of Rural and Social Development in Świętokrzyskie region, supported 4-H clubs in their journey of environmental education. The project was an initiative under the 2002-2011 Association of Rural and Social Development plan “*Developing environmental awareness and environmental attitudes among rural schools’ students, 4-H clubs’ members, and community of the Świętokrzyskie region in Poland.*”

The project objective was to join 4-H club members in the region together to develop environmental awareness and environmental attitudes among children, adult leaders, teachers, and the local community. During the project special attention was focused on biodiversity and environmental protection. Through designing and setting natural trails, children gained useful environmental education and learned more about active recreation and relaxation. Protection of natural resources, the need to maintain a clean, healthy environment and landscape protection became one of the more important priorities in 4-Hers remaining afterschool school activities.

Under the project 15 nature trails were designed and opened by 23 volunteer leaders working with 514 members of 4-H clubs. Heifer Poland International organized 141 trainings and workshops to guide the adults and 4-H members. For every nature trail a well prepared and published brochure and multimedia publication was generated.

FAS Warsaw actively engaged in efforts by community leaders and 4-H members, supported official trail openings, recognized teachers’ for their hard work and dedication towards better education of Poland’s rural youth in environmental awareness and protection.

Photographs taken at official event openings and pictures taken by 4-H’ers during various environmental workshops around the Świętokrzyskie region follows.



Wayne Schmidt, Consul from Consulate General in Kraków opening nature trail in Niekłań Wielki



Opening of nature trail in Bęczków. From the left: Michael Henney Agricultural Attaché, Katarzyna Lubczynska-Saffell from Heifer Project International, primary school representative, Jarosław Mostowski Director of Extension Service in Modliszewice, and Parliament representative.



Michael Henney Agricultural Attaché cutting the 4-H birthday cake during official opening of the nature trail in Bęczków



Michael Henney Agricultural Attaché opening nature trail in Bodzechów



From the right: Michael Henney Agricultural Attaché, Marek Klauziński Heifer Project International, Barbara Stasik leader volunteer, 2 children from 4-H club in Busko Zdrój (Primary School for Physically Disabled Children).



From the left: Michael Henney Agricultural Attaché, Katarzyna Lubczyńska-Saffell from Heifer Project International, and 4-Hers from Gartatowice



Zachęcamy aby zerknąć w XIX wieczny przejazd pod torami kolejowymi. Wokół wiele gatunków roślin i zwierząt związanych z terenami podmokłymi.

Nature trail „Gózd”



Jaszczurka zwinka, kraśnik sześciopłamek



Polowiec szachownica, modraszek, rusalka pawik

Nature trawl „Grabownica”



Nature trawl „Lasocin”



Nature trail „Sitkówka-Nowiny”



Nature trail „Snochowice”



Nature trail „Sobków”



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4-H club from Sobków Turing nature trail works hop



4-H club from Sobków during workshop