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Project: Ridgewood Park Steps Replacement
Beneficiary: Ridgewood Park visitors and the surrounding community
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Project Description: Volunteers replaced a set of steps at Ridgewood Park in Blendon Township, that were in a bad state of disrepair. The steps are used as a main entrance for pedestrians entering Ridgewood Park and, therefore, needed to be safe, durable, and inviting to the public. Work on the steps began by completely tearing down the old steps. Trenches were dug to lay two drain tiles and then filled with gravel. Next, the 6x6 stair beds and the cinder blocks were put in position and then connected by metal steaks driven through the landscaping ties and through the holes in the cinder blocks; the remaining space in the cinder blocks was filled with concrete. Handrails were built from 4x4 inch posts and cemented into the ground and L-bracketed to the steps with a 2x6 inch handrail on top, screwed onto the posts. Gravel was then used to fill in the step beds.

