

## Borough of Jessup

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Grant Amount: \$16,500

**Jessup Community Forestry Revitalization** project improved 2-acres on three sites: Pioneer Field, Kids Korner, and Station Park. Plantings at Pioneer Field buffer the fields from the street, create a safety zone, and increase the usability of a picnic space. At Kids Korner, established Japanese knotweed was eradicated, surface runoff mitigated, and an important community greenspace replanted.

The major undertaking of this revitalization effort focused on developing Station Park, an unused parcel of land that formally supported the Delaware & Hudson Railroad passenger/freight station and rail switch. Located on a main thoroughfare through Jessup, the park forms an entranceway to the commercial district. The project manager realized that creating a small community park at this highly visible site would enhance the business district. A survey, grading plans, and design work were completed. After signing a lease agreement with the Lackawanna County Rail Authority, the site was grubbed, native vegetation saved, and ballast based soils enhanced. A meandering trail, plantings, and education plaques, identifying newly planted tree species were installed.

New partnerships were formed throughout the grant period and work continued after forestry funds were spent. New partnership efforts resulted in the construction of a large gazebo, construction of a small amphitheater, installation of lighting, and a water fountain. Residents and visitors have been much impressed and appreciative. Weddings have been held, wine tasting events hosted, and many seasonal galas held in this revitalized community space.

## Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

The Borough of Jessup hired a registered landscape architect as a consultant to address extensive surface runoff problems.

## Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>
Cash Contributions	\$10,000
In-kind Contributions	\$11,326
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$37,826</b>



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### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 27 canopy trees, 17 evergreen trees, 46 shrubs, and 70 herbaceous perennials at 3 sites in Jessup.
- Eradicated 600-sq.ft. of Japanese knotweed.
- Salvaged 15 native trees at Station Park.
- Mitigated .43-acres of surface water runoff.
- Planted 1.5-acres of ballast-based soils.
- Worked with 18 volunteers who committed 258 hours of service.
- Received 211 individual volunteer hours from the Borough.
- Designed and installed 26 panels that educate park users about native trees.
- Contributed to Jessup's first Tree City U.S.A. Award.
- Achieved a 1 to 1.29 cost share ratio on the grant.

### Partners' Contributions

- Betti Family – Financial assistance
- Betti Memorial Fund – Financial assistance
- Eureka Specialty Printing Company – Financial assistance
- Greg's Landscaping – Landscape services
- Jessup Borough Council – Financial & service assistance
- Jessup Youth Sports Association – Volunteers
- Jessup Hose Company #2 – Financial & volunteer services
- Jessup 21st Century – Administrative Assistance
- Kids Korner Association – Volunteers
- Lackawanna County Recycling Center – Mulch at a reduced cost
- Marino Hardware Company – In-kind donations
- Sweeny Memorial Fund – Financial assistance



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