

## Dalton Borough

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Grant Award: \$14,300

**Dalton CARES – Creating A Richer Ecological System** project served as seed money that enhanced the arboriculture of this small rural residential community of 1,300 located in Lackawanna County. The Dalton CARES Committee solicited the assistance of street tree representatives, tree stewards, civic groups, borough personnel, and youth organizations to complete a street tree inventory and community plantings. Work focused on inventory completion, a professional evaluation of tree health, and remediation as prescribed by a certified arborist. A street tree inventory training was conducted for six volunteers.

Dalton Cub Scout Pack #156, neighborhood children, and adult volunteers completed the inventory work. An ISA Certified Arborist performed the evaluation of the trees in the inventory. High priority removals, pruning, and cabling recommendations were made. The need for a replanting program was identified. Bids were prepared for removals and pruning. A total of 15 dangerous trees were removed, 15 hazard trees were pruned, and 1 tree cabled. The borough donated stump grinding and debris removal services.

The Dalton CARES project held an impressive Arbor Day event that hosted a local news personality and included a tree planting ceremony and many tree-related activities for children and adults. A Sister City Tree Planting was sponsored and attended by dignitaries from Dalton-n-Furness, England. The Shade Tree Commission sent out educational flyers and letters requesting a small donation from residents interested in planting new trees. In a well-advertised event, 40 residents planted, mulched and watered their new trees. In 1998, the borough of Dalton was recognized for the first time with a National Tree City USA Award.

## Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>
Cash Contributions	\$1,695
In-kind Contributions	\$12,533
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$28,528</b>



### Significant Revisions to Scope of Work

Initial project work was delayed due to liability concerns within the borough council. Many volunteer commitments by local residents were not performed, resulting in increased pressure on the project manager. A severe hurricane resulted in hazard pruning and removal delays due to high priority hurricane remediation elsewhere.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 49 trees with 40 neighborhood volunteers.
- Assessed 121 trees, removed 15, hazard pruned 15 and cabled one tree.
- Provided environmental stewardship opportunities for 29 Cub Scouts.
- Received Tree City USA recognition for the first time.
- Hosted Dalton's first Arbor Day Celebration.
- Hosted a Sister City Tree Planting Ceremony.
- Educated and involved the community in tree stewardship.
- Trained volunteers to complete the first inventory of 121 trees.
- The work of 517 volunteers was used as cost share for the grant.
- Raised \$1,695 dollars in private tree planting donations.
- Achieved a 1 to .99 cost share ratio for the grant.

### Partners' Contributions

City of Scranton, Mayor's Office – Arbor Day promotion  
Dalton Borough Council – Police monitoring  
Dalton Business & Professional Association – Event prizes  
Dalton Community Library – Educational displays  
Dalton Cub Scout Pack #156 – Street tree inventory

Dalton Public Works – Debris cleanup  
Dalton Resident Volunteers – Planting  
Dalton Sewer Authority – Workers for planting  
Doolin Trees and Landscapes – In-kind consulting services  
Scala Tree Service – Removal services  
University of Scranton – Organized and wrote press releases  
WNEP-TV – Support for the Shade Tree Commission



TREE LIABILITY GRANTS