

Dushore Borough

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Grant Award: \$14,300

Dushore Borough Tree Restoration Program, in a cooperative effort with homeowners, the Municipal Tree Restoration Program (MTRP), and GPU Energy performed a comprehensive evaluation of 200 street trees listed in the Dushore Street Tree Inventory.

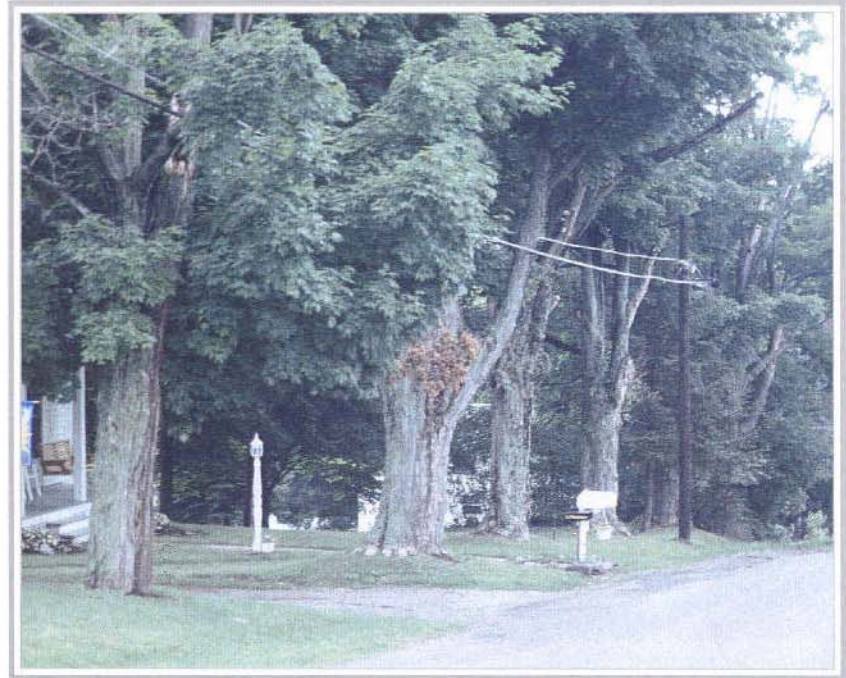
A plan was formulated for tree removal, pruning, and replacement. The grant addressed two issues: the decline of sugar maples planted after the Borough was incorporated 138 years ago and the need for community education and participation in activities that promote the stewardship of community trees.

Using an existing street tree inventory completed by a consulting forester and updated in 1997, a certified arborist evaluated high-priority dangerous trees along borough right-of-ways. A hazard evaluation report was prepared and trees identified as being too hazardous to save were slated for removal. Remaining trees posing a threat to public safety were pruned.

To involve the community in this large-scale tree restoration project, homeowners and students participated in many activities. Homeowners within the project area were asked to share the cost of removing, pruning, or replanting trees in front of their homes. Participation was voluntary and the response was very good. Horticulture students from Red Rock Job Corps Technical School helped the community plant new trees. Borough labor was used for tree planting, site work, cleanup, and watering. This successful project highlighted partnership building between municipal government, private sector, state and federal government agencies, universities, and most importantly, within the local community.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$14,300
Cash Contributions	\$6,046
In-kind Contributions	\$13,937
Total Project Cost	\$34,283



Project Accomplishments

- Removed 41 of 54 dangerous trees.
- Pruned 68 of 102 trees identified as being dangerous to public safety.
- Removed 47 stumps from locations throughout the project area.
- Replanted 72 trees to replace 41 removed trees.
- Used an existing street tree inventory as the basis for a certified arborist assessment of high-priority removals and pruning.
- Provided hands-on educational opportunities for 8 Red Rock Job Corps students who planted new trees.
- Recognized by the DCNR Bureau of Forestry in 1999 with a Tree City USA Award.
- Committed 210 hours of in-kind services for grant administration.
- Worked with 8 volunteers who committed 240 hours of service.
- Involved 53 borough households in the renewal of their community trees.
- Raised \$6,046 by requesting a voluntary 25% cash match from local residents for removal, hazard pruning, and replanting.
- Used the MTRP program that provided \$4,800 in cash for the planting of new borough trees.
- Achieved a 1 to 1.39 cost share ratio for the grant.

Partners' Contributions

- Dushore Borough Council – Cost share contributions
- Dushore Residents – Cost share and tree care
- General Public Utilities (GPU) – Donated 45 trees
- PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry – Technical assistance
- Penn State Cooperative Extension – Technical assistance
- Penn State University – MTRP trees
- Red Rock Job Corporation Center – Student plantings
- Sullivan Review – Publicity

