

Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

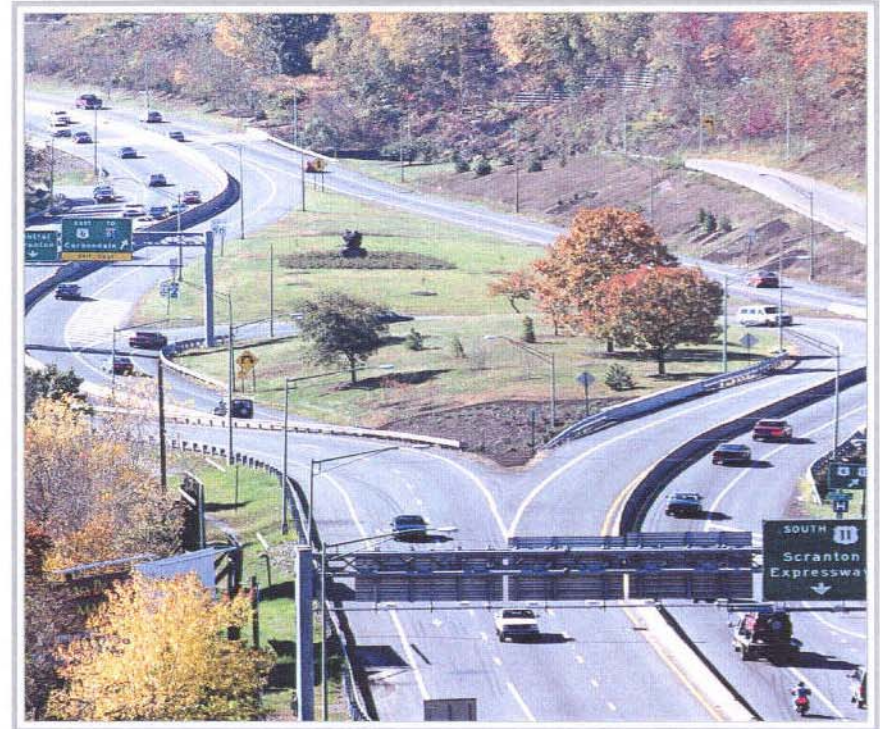
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Grant Award: \$120,000

Scranton's Greenway Enhancement, Phase II, improved the PennDOT right-of-way of the North Scranton Expressway (now renamed the McDade Highway) from the "Notch Area" in the north through the Keyser Avenue Interchange. The project continued implementation of recommendations begun in the first phase of work completed in 1996. The project objective was to improve abandoned lands and market land to job-producing industries. The project focused on the installation of native and flowering plantings to screen blighted areas, increase diversity, and improve site aesthetics.

The plantings improved the atmosphere for development in the adjacent business district. This corridor is the main gateway to Steamtown National Historic Park, McDade Park, the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and the Anthracite Museum. This restored area provides a transitional buffer that helps diminish present-day negative impacts of Scranton's industrial past by bringing the urban forest closer to the heart of the city. Work included planting large-caliper trees along Keyser Avenue, natural groupings of evergreen trees to screen views, mass planting of flowering trees and shrubs along steep slopes and removal of substantial stands of invasive vegetation.



Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$120,000
Cash Contributions	\$15,928
In-kind Contributions	\$43,491
Total Project Cost	\$179,419

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 77 canopy trees, 188 evergreen trees, 71 flowering trees, and 2,238 shrubs.
- Restored 79-acres of strip-mined land.
- Eradicated 42,000-sq.ft. of Japanese knotweed.
- Planted 2,000-l.ft. of existing woodland edge with native species.
- Framed attractive views and screened unattractive views of the city.
- Purchased recycled pallet mulch supporting the Lackawanna County Recycling Center.
- Contributed to Scranton's Tree City USA recognition.
- Received a "Pride & Progress Award" recognizing the major role these improvements played in the community.
- Raised \$15,928 in contributions from the private sector.

Partners' Contributions

CECO Associates – Prepared traffic plan
City of Scranton, Econ. & Comm. Dev. – Trash removal
First National Bank of Jermyn – Financial support
Lackawanna County Recycling Center – Pallet mulch at reduced rate
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority – Technical assistance
Levy and Preate Law Firm – Contract preparation
Metro Action, Downtown Development Organization – Advocacy
PennDOT, District 4-0 – Waived permits, provided safety
Scranton Shade Tree Commission – Donated trees

