

## Tripp Park Neighborhood Association

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Grant Award: \$10,000

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**The Tripp Community Park** project is part of a larger effort to develop a community center and reclaim approximately 3-acres of culm material that had been deposited on adjoining property over several decades of mining activities. Since 1992, the project has been undertaken by members of the Tripp Park Civic Association. They have raised over \$50,000 through the annual "Summer Festival" and in conjunction with Community Development Block Grants received from the city of Scranton. To date, approximately one million cubic feet of culm, ranging in heights of 10 to 35 feet, have been removed from the site. Federal, state and local grants totalling \$325,000 have been secured to build the Community Center.

The project addressed erosion, soil remediation, and master site planning. Due to the barren nature of the site and its soils, six inches of topsoil was spread and the area seeded to prevent erosion. Tree planting was completed in October 1998. To insure proper plant growth, planting pits three times the diameter of root ball and amended soil was required by the contract. The Scranton Shade Tree Commission donated an additional five oak trees along the roadway at the entrance to the park.

The community center now serves as a meeting place and an activity center for seniors, adults, and children in this low to moderate income section of the city. The greening of the park has helped improve community quality of life and supports efforts to reduce crime in the neighborhood.



### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$11,300
In-kind Contributions	\$10,625
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$31,925</b>

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 16 canopy trees, 20 evergreen trees, 2 flowering trees, and 20 shrubs.
- Reduced erosion on 32,500-sq.ft. of culm-based land through re-grading, tree plantings, and mitigation techniques.
- Supported community efforts to restore blighted lands into usable community space.
- Supported the city of Scranton's Tree City USA award in 1998.
- Involved 50 local residents in hands-on urban forestry activities.
- Worked with 490 volunteers who committed 150 hours of service.
- Provided cash match to the grant through the use of community fundraising efforts.
- Achieved a 1 to 2.19 cost share ratio for the grant.

### Partners' Contributions

Cerminaro Construction – Backhoe services  
Gerard Construction – Bobcat services  
McLane Associates – A portion of design  
Scranton Shade Tree Commission – Donated 5 oaks  
Teserovich Construction – Donated consulting  
Tripp Park Residents – Volunteer services  
Summer Festival volunteers – Fundraising efforts

