

Canton Borough Shade Tree Commission

Canton's Street Trees

Project Manager: John Shaffer

1998 Grant Award: \$5,000

Over the years, Canton Borough's vast population of street trees had become damaged and unhealthy. A majority of the trees were sugar and Norway maples, which made the population lack diversity. In 1998, the Shade Tree Commission received funding for **Canton's Street Trees**, which included a street tree inventory, hazard tree remediation, and new plantings.

A survey by a certified arborist found that many more trees were hazardous than expected. The Shade Tree Commission contacted 41 homeowners whose trees were a high priority for work. A total of 19 homeowners participated with a fifty percent cost share. While resident participation was not high because of cost, the awareness and commitment of the community was great. The removed trees were replaced with more diverse plantings. Shade Tree Commissioners noted that significant cost share encouraged participating homeowners to become better tree stewards.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 31 deciduous trees including 16 canopy and 15 flowering;
- Bernard Dincher, certified arborist, assessed 69 trees;
- Removed 21 hazardous trees;
- Ground 21 stumps;
- Obtained a 50% removal and replacement cost share from 19 homeowners for tree removal, pruning, and/or planting; and
- Awarded Tree City USA.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$5,000
Cash Contributions	\$3,040
In-kind Contributions	\$ 420
Total Project Value	\$8,460

Project Partnerships

Bernard Dincher – training, guidance and services
Borough Administrators – administrative support
Borough Residents – provided 50% cost share
Canton Borough Council – administrative support
Canton Borough

Street Crew –
planting services

Penn State
Cooperative
Extension – training and technical
assistance

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