

Eagles Mere Borough Shade Tree Commission

Treescape Eagles Mere

Project Managers: Charles and Amelia Gardner

1998 Grant Award: \$14,000

Treescape Eagles Mere capped a four year effort of the Borough Shade Tree Commission to raise public awareness for street tree pruning, removal, maintenance, and planting. In four years prior to the grant, the Commission planted 413 trees with a 98% success rate.

The Treescape program focused efforts on removing hazardous trees, improving species diversity, and educating the community about street tree care. In addition, GPU Municipal Tree Restoration worked collaboratively to remove trees under power lines and replace them with more appropriate specimens.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 109 trees including 2 evergreen, 107 deciduous, 47 canopy, and 62 flowering. 17 trees were bareroot stock;
- Pruned 31 and removed 104 hazardous trees;
- Bernard Dincher, ISA certified arborist, conducted a tree assessment;
- Ground 71 stumps;
- Obtained a 25% cost share from homeowners for the program;
- Penn State Cooperative Extension labeled 50 street trees;
- Provided training to 58 volunteers on proper planting and mulching techniques on Arbor Day;
- Coordinated 294 hours of in-kind labor and 487 hours of volunteer labor;
- Eagles Mere Borough Council adopted a line item in their budget for the Shade Tree Commission; and
- Received Tree City USA Award.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$14,000
Cash Contributions	\$23,602
In-kind Contributions	\$ 7,971
Total Project Value	\$45,573

Project Partnerships

- Borough of Eagles Mere – financial and administrative support
- DeWire Community Center – use of parking lot for tree storage
- Eagles Mere Civic Club, Inc. and Jr.'s Mini Market – refreshments
- Eagles Mere Foundation – financial support
- Eagles Mere Volunteer Fire Company – pump for watering
- Gary Rider Construction, Inc. – moving large trees
- Gold Forest Landscaping – planting
- GPU – Municipal Tree Restoration Program
- Hanley's Happy Hills, Inc. – loaders and operators
- Laporte Shade Tree Commission – purchasing and education
- Penn State Cooperative Extension Service – program guidance and education
- Penn State School of Forestry – tree selection
- Schichtel's Nursery, Inc. – program support
- Sullivan County Real Estate and Robin Fiester Real Estate – office services
- Timber Acre Homes, Inc. – backhoe services

