

Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art
 Nay Aug Gateway Revitalization
 Project Manager: Michelle Lenox, Mike Illuzzi, and James Vipond
 1998 Grant Award: \$27,222

The **Nay Aug Gateway Revitalization** focused on enhancing a 300-foot radius around the Everhart Museum and the entrance to historic Nay Aug Park. These areas were unattractive with significant amounts of blacktop and barren soils which suffered from a lack of maintenance due to budget cut backs.

Funding for the Gateway Revitalization turned a blighted urban landscape into a natural park setting. Over 40,000 museum visitors, Nay Aug Park visitors, and surrounding community members benefited from new tree and perennial plantings. In addition, hazard trees were pruned and educational programming on tree care and identification was implemented. The result is a comprehensive program that improved the natural environment and educated patrons of the park and the museum.

Significant Revisions to Scope of Work

Everhart Museum received a contract extension due to delays in a sidewalk project that affected plantings. In addition, the original project manager, Michelle Lenox, left the museum.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 32 trees including 22 evergreen and 10 flowering;
- Planted 55 shrubs and 177 bulbs;
- Placed 12 cubic yards of mulch;
- Created and installed identification tags for 30 trees;
- Pruned 5 and removed 9 trees;
- Ground 9 stumps;
- Relocated trees threatened by construction projects; and
- Trained educators on nature walk through project site.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$27,222
Cash Contributions	\$11,586
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$15,636</u>
Total Project Value	\$54,444

Project Partnerships

- Allied services – printing
- AT&T – volunteers
- City of Scranton – logistical assistance and long-term maintenance
- Environmental School, Scranton School District – volunteers
- Jane Frye, naturalist – education
- Leadership Lackawanna – project management
- Matt Taylor – nature walk
- McNally – brochure design
- Scranton Shade Tree Commission – overall project support
- Scranton Tomorrow – education and volunteers
- Thomas McLane Associates – landscape architects

