

## Factoryville Shade Tree Commission

ROOTs in Factoryville Phase II, (Revitalization of Our Trees in Factoryville)

Project Manager: Elizabeth Ratchford

2001 Grant Award: \$ 8,000

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The ongoing work of **ROOTs in Factoryville** is to make streets safer and more pleasing for both residents and visitors within the borough. An assessment by a certified arborist revealed many dangerous trees in the borough. **Phase II** supported hazardous tree removals, remediations, prunings, and new tree plantings. ROOTs also educated homeowners about the proper choice and care of trees.

### Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

Factoryville revised the timeline to allow more time for organizing the pruning and removal contract.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 35 deciduous trees including 16 canopy and 19 flowering. 29 trees were bareroot stock;
- Placed 70 cubic yards of mulch;
- Joseph Mullen, ISA certified arborist, conducted a tree inventory;
- Pruned 6 and removed 14 hazardous trees;
- Ground 22 stumps;
- Used wood chips from tree removals and prunings to refurbish the walking trail at Christy Mathewson Park;
- Sent letters to homeowners explaining how their hazardous tree was assessed, why it was prioritized for removal or pruning, and how the cost share program worked;
- Conducted follow-up visits with participating homeowners;
- Purchased street trees with 25% cost share from homeowners for tree removal, pruning, and/or planting;
- Attended Penn State Cooperative Extension Workshops: “Growing A Healthy Urban Forest”, Riparian Buffers and Streambank Protection Workshop, and Arborist Short Course;
- Coordinated an Arbor Day Celebration including a spring tree planting by Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center;
- Designated as Tree City USA for third year; and
- Received Environmental Partnership Award.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 6,675
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$20,489</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$35,164</b>

### Project Partnerships

Christy Mathewson Little League, Factoryville Men’s and Women’s

Civic Clubs and Juvenile Detention Services – volunteers

Factoryville Borough Council – solicitor services, volunteers, administrative services, and DPW support

Keystone College – professional assistance and student volunteers

Kiwanis Kid Club – Arbor Day tree planting

Lackawanna Trail School District – student volunteers, forestry, and environmental education

PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – Arbor Day celebration

Penn DOT – hazardous tree removals

Penn State Cooperative Extension – technical assistance and education programs

Synergis Technologies, Inc. – webmaster and computer inventory

