

Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce
 Central Scranton Expressway Enhancement, Phase III
 Project Manager: Karl Pfeiffenberger
 1998 Grant Award: \$150,000

The Central Scranton Expressway is the main thoroughfare to the Steamtown National Historic Site and the City of Scranton’s cultural, historic, business, and educational districts. It is traveled by thousands of people on a daily basis.

In the past, this stretch of land served as an illegal dumping and littering area and was scarred with little vegetation. The goal of the **Expressway Enhancement, Phase III** was to clear and revegetate the landscape thus improving vistas for visitors and residents alike. The completion of this project consummates the third and final phase of an overall community master plan.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 197 trees including 153 evergreen, 44 deciduous, 34 flowering, and 163 canopy;
- Planted 1,426 shrubs and 1,054 herbaceous plants;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, conducted a site assessment and created a master plan for the project site;
- Cleared Japanese knotweed by cutting and applying herbicide treatments;
- Received publicity throughout the project from *The Scranton Times* with a circulation of 37,000;
- Developed an agreement with Penn DOT that they would maintain the plantings at a value of \$1,200 a year;
- Planted 1.87 acres of project site; and
- Received the Pride and Progress Award.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$150,000
In-kind Contributions	\$ 45,462
Total Project Value	\$195,462

Project Partnerships

- CECO Associates, Inc. – project coordination and services
- Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission – project services
- Levy and Preate – legal services
- Northeast Pennsylvania Shade Tree Commission – project coordination and services
- Penn DOT, District 4-0 – project services and yearly maintenance
- Scranton Shade Tree Commission – project coordination and services
- The Scranton Times* – publicity

