

## Jermyn Borough Shade Tree Commission

Phase Two of the Rippy Callahan Beautification Project

Project Manager: Deborah Morcom

2001 Grant Award: \$ 4,000

### Phase II of the ongoing Rippy Callahan Beautification Project

expands upon the work that began with funding in 2000. Rippy Callahan Park was created in the late 1970's from a mine reclamation site. It includes a playground, ball fields, tennis courts, and a concession stand. With previous support of the Program, the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission added much needed shade trees and herbaceous materials. The Commission also witnessed a tremendous outpouring of support from the community for this project.

Phase II focused on planting and improving the following park areas: the walking trail, a picnic grove, the outer dimensions of the new t-ball field, the new pavilion site, and proposed volley ball field. The intent was to plant more shade trees and shrubbery, and this has been accomplished with fantastic results. In addition, the project was celebrated this past June with an "Old-Fashioned Stroll through the Park." Residents of the town brought covered dishes and celebrated the revamped park with baseball games, flag ceremonies, and an evening concert.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 33 trees including 1 evergreen, 32 deciduous, 23 canopy, and 10 flowering;
- Planted 14 herbaceous plants; and
- Celebrated the park project with a successful "Old-Fashioned Stroll through the Park" in June 2002.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 4,000
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 3,001</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$11,001</b>

### Project Partnerships

CTC Center, Scranton Horticulture Class – volunteers

Jermyn Borough Department of Public Works – labor and services

Jermyn Borough Manager – project planning and administration

Jermyn Borough Recreation Committee – overall project support

Jermyn residents – volunteers, overall program support, and administration

Local Jermyn Borough Cub Scouts – volunteers

Mayor of Jermyn Borough – project planning

Propst Bus Co. – transportation for students

