

Jessup Borough

Jessup Borough Urban Forestry Program

Project Manager: Kevin Betti

2001 Grant Award: \$ 5,400

The 2001 **Jessup Borough Urban Forestry Program** concentrated on the O&W Rail-to-Trail right-of-way as the trail passes across the Lackawanna River towards Archbald. This section, entitled Sarah Bratty Park, is a small general-purpose park containing a basketball court and play equipment. It was improved with a gravel pathway and several new plantings along the fence line. Plantings were also added outside of the fence line and adjacent to the Lackawanna River.

The borough also planted shrubs and trees at Pioneer Baseball Field to create definition and enhance the area outside the playing field. A parcel of land lying between the baseball field and the road was cleared of weeds and was planted with evergreens. In addition, borough workers carefully preserved preexisting native trees and shrubs that populate this land.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

In 2001, selected plantings cost less than expected.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 39 trees including 14 evergreens, 25 deciduous, 17 canopy, and 22 flowering;
- Planted 30 shrubs, 12 herbaceous plants, and 20,000 square feet of grass;
- Preserved native trees and shrubs; and
- Placed 19 cubic yards of mulch.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 5,400
Cash Contributions	\$ 6,159
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 1,100</u>
Total Project Value	\$12,659

Project Partnerships

Citizens of Jessup Borough – volunteers

Jessup Borough Council – financial support and volunteers

Jessup Hose Company #1 – watering

Jessup Hose Company #2 – watering

Jessup Youth Sport Association – volunteers

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority – assistance with property rights

PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – project oversight

The Jessup 21st Century Association – volunteers and financial support

