

Lackawanna Junior College

Lackawanna Junior College Site Development Plan

Project Manager: Gail Scaramuzzo

1998 Grant Award: \$150,000

Prior to the implementation of the urban forestry grant, the downtown area near Lackawanna Junior College was a conglomerate of asphalt, high-rise apartment buildings, and government offices with minimal greenscaping. Several organizations, such as the Scranton Public Library, Scranton Municipal Building, Scranton Housing Authority, and the College joined together to promote comprehensive greenscaping as part of their development of a revitalized cultural district in this community.

In 1998, Lackawanna Junior College received support for their **Site Development Plan**. Tree plantings, garden construction, buffer plantings, and soft-scaping improved the harsh downtown environment, promoted community building, and improved the ecological and social atmosphere of the College and adjacent community. The Junior College also successfully designed and integrated a sustainable storm water retention system within their greenscape design.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 71 trees including 14 evergreen, 57 deciduous, 60 canopy, and 11 flowering;
- Planted 758 shrubs;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site;
- Installed a storm water retention system designed by David Osborn of CECO Associates; and
- Planted 15,000 square feet of the project site.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$150,000
Cash Contributions	\$163,601
In-kind Contributions	\$ 23,155
Total Project Value	\$336,756

Project Partnerships

- Anthony Santoli, PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – technical assistance, project guidance
- Bill Davis Lawn and Garden – services
- Paul Mansour – financial support
- Scranton Downtown Association – project guidance
- Scranton Housing Authority – project coordination for the Cultural District greenscaping program
- Scranton Municipal Building – project coordination for the Cultural District greenscaping program
- Scranton Public Library – project coordination for the Cultural District greenscaping program
- Scranton Sunday Times – publicity
- Scranton Tomorrow City Beautification Committee – project guidance
- Thomas McLane Associates – consulting

