

## Laporte Shade Tree Committee

Laporte Borough Tree Restoration Project

Project Managers: Henry and Ann Street

1998 Grant Award: \$15,000

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In June 1998, the **Laporte Borough Tree Restoration Project** received funding for a tree hazard assessment and management program. The certified arborist's assessment revealed many more hazardous trees than expected. The Shade Tree Commission decided to seek a 25% cost share from homeowners for work done on their property. Eighty percent of the homeowners participated.

Tree pruning and removal work focused on the school bus route, a public health walk, and the area around the County Courthouse. Laporte Shade Tree Commission also partnered with Eagles Mere Shade Tree Commission to bulk order bareroot trees from Schichtel's Nursery. These trees, as of final report submission, had a 100% survival rate. Thanks to the support of this Program and the many project partners, Laporte has a healthier and more diverse forest.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 59 trees including 1 evergreen, 58 deciduous, 45 canopy, and 14 flowering. 29 trees were bareroot stock;
- Bernard Dincher, ISA certified arborist, conducted a tree inventory, and Mary Baker, certified arborist, did the final overview;
- Pruned 27 and removed 40 hazardous trees;
- Ground 42 stumps and placed 11 cubic yards of mulch;
- Obtained a 25% cost share from 80% of targeted homeowners;
- Coordinated Proper Tree Planting seminar for 25 people; and
- Project managers were selected to serve on the board of the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 9,690
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$20,831</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$45,521</b>

### Project Partnerships

- Bernard Dincher – evaluation and Arbor Day planning
- County Commissioners – administrative support
- Eagles Mere Shade Tree Committee – volunteers and joint purchases
- GPU Utility Company – MTRP project and services of forester
- Highlands Nursing Home – tree removal and planting
- Justice Linda Bumunk – community service workers
- Laporte Borough and Laporte Memorial Tree Committee – financial and administrative support
- Laporte Residents – overall program support
- Nickerson's Nursery – trees at cost
- PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – technical assistance
- Penn State Cooperative Extension – educational materials
- Penn State University – services and tree tagging
- PA Urban and Community Forestry Council – financial support
- Schichtel's Nursery – species selection and educational information
- Sullivan County Historical Society – holding area for materials
- Sullivan County Medical Center – tree removal and planting
- Sullivan Review* – publicity

