

Milford Borough Shade Tree Commission

Save the Milford Forest, Phase II

Project Manager: Valerie Meyer

1998 Grant Award: \$15,000

Once populated with 1,800-2,000 trees, Milford's urban forest was in serious decline in the late 1990s. One third of 1,500 trees were considered hazardous. **Save the Milford Forest, Phase II** was established to restore a tree-lined, village environment to the borough.

Phase II continued the Shade Tree Commission's five-year plan to assess and remediate approximately 500 trees. It consolidated the first years of the plan in the crucial areas of evaluation and pruning for the aging and hazardous trees in Milford.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 41 trees including 26 evergreen, 15 deciduous, 13 canopy, and 4 flowering;
- Planted 14 shrubs;
- Eric Engstrom, certified arborist, conducted a tree inventory and assessed 80 trees;
- Pruned 20 and removed 33 hazardous trees;
- Ground 41 stumps;
- Tagged 3,000 trees with numbered labels;
- Coordinated "Care of Our Community Trees" with Penn State Cooperative Extension for 25 people;
- Held Arbor Day celebration with 50 volunteers planting 18 trees and 14 shrubs; and
- Received Tree City USA Growth Award.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$15,000
Cash Contributions	\$24,332
In-kind Contributions	\$11,340
Total Project Value	\$50,672

Project Partnerships

Bartlett Tree Experts – assessments

Dr. Thelma Flint, Botanist, Columbia University – newspaper articles

Historic Preservation Trust of Pike County – program assistance

Kuperus Farmside Gardens – supplies

Milford Borough Council – financial, volunteering, and project oversight

Milford Garden Club – Arbor Day activities

Milford Print Shop – services

Orange and Rockland Utilities – tree removal

PA Urban and Community Forestry Grant – financial support

Pike County Dispatch – advertising

Pike County Sheriff's

SWAP team – tree tags

The Eagle News – publicity

TreeKeeper Online –

subscription tree

inventory service

US Post Master of

Milford – services

Vincent Cotrone, Penn

State Cooperative

Extension – training

and information

