

Milford Borough Shade Tree Commission

Save the Milford Forest, Phase IV

Project Manager: Valerie Meyer

2001 Grant Award: \$9,000

Milford Shade Tree Commission's **Save the Milford Forest, Phase IV** continued hazard tree remediation work for the borough's aging forest. The Commission also focused resources on a phased replanting effort to replace the removed trees with diversified species. As of the final report, Save the Milford Forest had established a 1:1 replanting to removal ratio. In addition, the Shade Tree Commission continued efforts to computerize street tree data and promote tree stewardship with innovative educational materials, programs, and presentations.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 49 trees including 1 evergreen, 48 deciduous, 41 canopy, and 7 flowering species. 35 trees were bareroot stock;
- Assessed 12 declining trees;
- Pruned 12 and removed 21 hazardous trees;
- Ground 21 stumps;
- Obtained a 50% cost share from property owners for the care, removal, and/or planting of trees in their right of way;
- Presented at Penn State's "Contracting Municipal Tree Care" workshop;
- Celebrated Arbor Day 2002 with community tree planting;
- Distributed door hangers throughout the borough on proper tree care;
- Purchased and used 30 tree gators; and
- Awarded Tree City USA (20th consecutive year) and the Growth Award (4th consecutive year).

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 9,000
Cash Contributions	\$19,006
In-kind Contributions	\$ 4,800
Total Project Value	\$32,806

Project Partnerships

Engstrom Tree and Landscape – professional advice and arborist services
Milford Borough Council – financial, volunteers, and project oversight
Orange and Rockland Utilities – tree removal
Penn DOT – hazard tree emergency operations
Residents of Milford – volunteers, assistance, and general project support
Superior Tree Service – emergency removals
The Milford Enhancement Committee – project coordination for the two grant programs and financial support
The Milford Printshop – printing services
Vincent Cotrone, Penn State Cooperative Extension – training and information

