

## South Abington Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Committee

South Abington Parks Hazard Tree Remediation, Phase II

Project Managers: James Mayfield, David O'Neill

1998 Grant Award: \$15,000

**Hazardous Tree Remediation, Phase II** continued tree remediations and plantings in South Abington Park that were previously funded by the Program in 1997. In 1997, Bill Graham, ISA certified arborist, identified 330 trees that needed pruning and 152 trees that needed removal in the park system. Phase II continued this work in two community parks and in particular along a heavily-used community trail. In addition, Pennsylvania Power and Light's (PP&L) Municipal Tree Restoration Program provided an opportunity to have a greater impact on these two recreation areas.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 34 trees including 20 evergreen, 14 deciduous, 34 canopy, and 10 flowering;
- Pruned 70 and removed 49 hazardous trees;
- Ground 21 stumps;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, planned tree locations;
- Established .25 mile extension of existing community trail;
- Reduced risk of injury for community trail users by pruning and removing hazardous trees;
- Installed 394 round aluminum numbered tags on the project plantings;
- Planted 150 acres of the project site; and
- Received America the Beautiful grant from the PA Urban and Community Forestry Program and Tree City USA.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$23,199*
In-kind Contributions	\$12,308*
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$50,507</b>

\*projected from invoices and application



### Project Partnerships\*

Anonymous Abington Township Business – \$10,000 for covered bridge  
Anonymous Abington Township Resident – \$1,000  
Audubon Society – summer bird census and project assistance  
Chinchilla United Methodist Church, Representative Frank Serafani,  
and South Abington Police – project support  
Gerry Kelly, PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – technical assistance  
Lackawanna County Conservation District – seedlings at cost  
Lackawanna State Park – Environmental Education Specialist  
Local Boy Scouts – volunteers  
Mulberry Bush Nursery – supplies  
PA Game Commission – small mammal habitat development  
PA Turnpike Commission – project coordination for roadside work  
Penn State Cooperative Extension – technical assistance  
Pennsylvania Energy – land leasing  
PA Urban and Community Forestry Council – financial support  
PP&L – tree removals and plants  
Ross Doolin, certified arborist – technical services  
South Abington Board of Supervisors – project oversight  
South Abington DPW – watering and labor  
Susan McLane, Township Clerk – administrative services