

South Williamsport Borough Shade Tree Commission

Hazard Tree Replacement Program #2

Project Manger: William M. Miller

1998 Grant Award: \$11,200

South Williamsport is known as the home of the Little League World Series. The series generates important tourist dollars to this sparsely populated area of the state. In 1996, South Williamsport conducted a Street Tree Inventory, which identified eighty percent of the borough trees as declining or hazardous. The **Hazard Tree Replacement Program #2** focused on removal and remediation work in high traffic and high visibility areas, which would improve the experience of residents and visitors. A 25% cost share from affected residents helped to support the work.

The Shade Tree Commission was able to plant 39 more trees than it removed for a tree planting to removal ratio of 2.6 to 1. Significant partnerships, community education, cost share participation, and publicity led to a highly successful tree replacement effort.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 63 deciduous trees;
- Michael Dincher & Bernard Dincher, certified arborists, conducted a tree inventory;
- Removed 24 hazardous trees and ground 24 stumps;
- Obtained a 25% cost share from 34 homeowners for tree removal, pruning, and/or planting; and
- Received Tree City USA Award.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$11,200
Cash Contributions	\$ 6,922
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 4,278</u>
Total Project Value	\$22,400

Project Partnerships

City of Williamsport – joint purchase of trees

Dincher & Dincher Tree Services – tree removals and education

Penn College – volunteers

Penn State Cooperative Extension – training and technical assistance

PP&L – tree pruning

South Williamsport Borough DPW – tree delivery and mulching

Sun Gazette – publicity

