

**Sullivan County Commissioners**  
Sullivan County Courthouse Park Restoration  
Project Manager: Arna Kayhart  
1998 Grant Award: \$9,530

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The **Sullivan County Courthouse Park Restoration** restored the Main Street Courthouse Park's natural vitality using a site plan and volunteer contributions. New plantings screen nearby commercial views, create private community space, and promote tourism that is vital to the county's economy.

In addition, the park has gained attention from county officials and the surrounding community. The community's carnival, which is a yearly occurrence on this site, will now involve more people in the activities of the park. In addition, a beautiful new Victorian-style inn has been built near the park with its own complementary plantings.

**Project Accomplishments**

- Planted 40 trees including 5 evergreen, 35 deciduous, 13 canopy, and 27 flowering. 6 trees were bareroot stock;
- Planted 66 shrubs and over 1,400 bulbs;
- Placed 152 cubic yards of mulch;
- William R. Miller, certified arborist, conducted a hazard tree assessment;
- Pruned 13 and removed 2 hazardous trees;
- Ground 14 stumps;
- Placed 90 cubic yards of top soil; and
- Planted 1 acre site.

**Project Value and Match**

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 9,530</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 4,212
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 8,472</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$22,214</b>

**Project Partnerships**

- Borough Residents – volunteers and project support
- Laporte Elementary School Third Grade Class – volunteers
- Laporte Shade Tree Commission – project support and volunteers
- PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, District Forester – technical assistance
- Penn State Cooperative Extension Office – technical assistance
- Sullivan County Courthouse Employees – services
- Sullivan County District Justice's Community Service Clients – labor and services

