

Towanda Borough Council

Towanda Borough Streetscape

Project Manager: Thomas Fairchild, Jr.

1998 Grant Award: \$70,000

Towanda Borough Streetscape implemented a significant tree-planting component of an existing Streetscape Plan. Improvements included the construction of tree planting trenches, burying overhead utility wires, utilizing Cornell University Structural Soil, and street tree plantings in an effort to revitalize the business district and capitalize on the borough's rich heritage. Project improvements were highlighted in the summer 2000 edition of *Sylvan Communities*.

"It has been said this project is one of the most visually dramatic improvements made to the area in recent memory" – Tom Fairchild, borough manager.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 85 deciduous trees including 58 canopy and 27 flowering;
- Placed 19 cubic yards of mulch;
- Jim Lacek and Vincent Cotrone, certified arborists and extension foresters, conducted a tree inventory;
- Michael Haas, landscape architect, designed a site plan;
- Planted 6,600 linear feet continuous trench of the project site;
- Learned about the structural soil used in the project from the "Cornell Structural Soil" video; and
- Utilized "Cornell Structural Soil" in the continuous trench to improve the urban conditions for the new trees, which provided a demonstration site for the region.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 70,000
Cash Contributions	\$116,722
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 60,732</u>
Total Project Value	\$247,454

Project Partnerships

CT Company – labor, equipment, and material

GPU – labor, equipment, and materials

Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry – publicity

Towanda Borough – labor, equipment, and financial support

Towanda Shade Tree Commission – planning and oversight

