

## Williamsport

Hazard Tree Restoration, Phase II

Project Manager: George Holliday

1998 Grant Award: \$15,000

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In 1995, the City of Williamsport determined that 70% of their 5,000 trees were in poor or hazardous condition. The City completed Phase I of the project, which involved the evaluation and removal of 130 hazardous trees.

**Hazard Tree Restoration, Phase II** completed the assessment of dangerous and dying trees throughout Williamsport. The City Forester and park crews removed many hazardous trees. The Shade Tree Commission, with the support of residents, planted replacement species in neighborhoods and historic and tourist districts.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 88 deciduous trees including 60 canopy and 28 flowering;
- Removed 98 hazardous trees and ground 78 stumps;
- Established a Green Industry partnership with Lycoming County Landfill by purchasing a mulching machine;
- Used new machine to mulch stumps, etc. for the new plantings;
- Attended several educational conferences including Community Greening, Pruning Young Trees, NEPA Community Tree Association, Pennsylvania Community Forestry Association, and Growing a Healthy Urban Forest;
- Obtained \$200 cost share from 85 homeowners for tree removal, pruning, and/or planting, which was approximately 26% of the total project value; and
- Received Tree City USA (13 years) and Tree City USA Growth Award (12 years).

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$17,000
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$33,330</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$65,330</b>

### Project Partnerships

Dincher & Dincher Tree Service – services

Penn College – volunteer horticulture students

Penn State Cooperative Extension Service – technical assistance

PP&L – Municipal Tree Restoration Program

South Williamsport – coordination of projects

*Sun Gazette* – publicity

Williamsport Residents – volunteers

