

Arc of Lackawanna County
Urban Environmental Beautification Project
Project Manager: Donald Broderick
2000 Grant Award: \$ 11,000

The Arc of Lackawanna County is a grassroots organization serving mentally challenged individuals and their families through a wide variety of programs and services. The **Urban Environmental Beautification Project** focused on greenspacing the depleted, urbanized surroundings of the Adult Day Program location and revegetating Robinson Park, a municipal park that is accessible to older clients

Mentally challenged individuals were given the opportunity to learn about trees, shrubs, and flowers during project implementation. The new plantings at Robinson Park are helping to create a peaceful environment for the older clients. This project generated a lot of interest and positive feedback from the community.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 10 deciduous, canopy trees;
- Planted 86 shrubs and 34 herbaceous plants;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site;
- Installed 15 tree identification posts on the project plantings; and
- Several audiences were made aware of the program, including the parent and foundation boards, EMRA membership and other Arc consumers, which totaled about 600 people.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$11,000
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$13,814</u>
Total Project Value	\$24,814

Project Partnerships

- Aktion Club – cleanup and painting
- Arc Volunteers – maintenance and watering
- East Mountain Boy Scout Troop – painting, cleaning, tree identification stations
- EMRA (East Mountain Resident Association) – clean-up, mulching
- Scranton Preparatory School – painting
- United Way – yard cleanup, mulching

