

Hawley Parks Commission

Creating a Natural Environment in the Hawley Parks

Project Manager: Lisa LaPasta

2000 Grant Award: \$ 20,000

Creating a Natural Environment in the Hawley Parks was a multifaceted effort to create a restful setting within the 12-acre Bingham Park and adjacent 10-acre Riverside Park along the Lackawaxen River in Hawley. Improvements focused on the planting of large shade trees around the historic bandstand area, beautification plantings along Main Avenue, and shrub plantings to better define park facilities. Funds were focused on improving diversity, encouraging wildlife, and eradicating invasive plant material along the Audubon Trail in the adjacent riverside trail. All improvements provide stewardship opportunities for students, many partnership organizations, and residents.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 92 trees including 38 evergreens, 54 deciduous, 63 canopy, and 29 flowering;
- Planted 31 shrubs;
- Placed 5 cubic yards of mulch;
- Grant Genzlinger, landscape architect, created a plan for the project site;
- Pruned 31 and removed 21 hazardous trees;
- Removed Japanese knotweed
- Wallenpaupack 10th graders created identification labels for the project plantings;
- Planted a memorial tree;
- 120 10th grade students volunteered in the park and learned about invasive species;
- 500 people attended 'Friends of Bingham Park' jazz concert; and
- 103 children volunteered at community plantings.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$20,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 4,181
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$16,230</u>
Total Project Value	\$40,411

Project Partnerships

Grant Genzlinger – consulting

Hawley Borough Council – project oversight

Local Boy Scout Troop – future tree tags

PPL Electric Utilities – site events support

Sealer's Tree Service – removal, pruning, site preparation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth League – volunteers

The News Eagle – publicity

Wallenpaupack 10th grade class – volunteers