

Lackawanna Historical Society

How Does Our Garden Grow: The Catlin House Educational Gardens

Project Manager: Mary Ann Moran

2000 Grant Award: \$ 10,000

The **How Does Our Garden Grow: Catlin House Educational Gardens** project has helped to preserve the existing grounds and additional green space in an urban setting by restoring a historical “turn-of-the-century” garden. The gardens are used as an educational tool to broaden the site's interpretive value and as an example of a Scranton industrial residence. The Lackawanna Historical Society oversees the restoration efforts and care of the grounds.

Significant Revisions to Scope of Work

The production of an educational brochure was omitted from the project.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 7 deciduous, canopy trees;
- Planted 88 shrubs and 28 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 140 pounds of mulch;
- Joe Mullen, Certified Arborist, conducted a tree inventory;
- Wayne Lucas, Registered Landscape Architect, created a plan for the project site;
- Large silver maple pruning by Jon Brown, Certified Arborist;
- Installed 18 plant identification labels with their botanical name, common name, and places of origin;
- Planted 1,340 square feet of the project site;
- Provided a weed workshop on the Historical Society's grounds;
- Held plant ID day with ESAP students and their instructor at the Catlin House; and
- Received the Chamber of Commerce Pride and Progress Award.



Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$10,000
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$27,376</u>
Total Project Value	\$37,376

Project Partnerships

Alan Sweeney – assisted in annual cleanup day and weed workshop
Betty Nebensky – donated plants and attended weed workshop
Bill Davis – donated mulch
Clementine Fasbencler, Bridget Conlogue, Ella Rayburn – cleanup day
Connie Shields – assisted with research
George Strastwyer – created new beds and added plantings
Joe Paradise and ESAP Scranton School District –volunteers
Leo Walsh, LHS member/volunteer – donated plants
Molly Phillin and the BEST Program – assisted with weeding and ongoing maintenance
Rita MacNamara – upkeep of gardens through summer months
Ron Allegucci and Dumore Boy Scouts – assisted at cleanup day
Roy Whitman – organized regular watering and weed workshop
Wayne Lucas – training volunteers and planting gardens