

**Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of Boy Scouts of America**  
 Aesthetic and Ecological Enhancement Project, Phase I  
 Project Manager: Ethan Draddy  
 1999 Grant Award: \$ 50,000

The Weinberg Scout Service and Training Center was completed in January 1998 and serves as the headquarters for Boy Scouts in a six county area of northeastern Pennsylvania. The Center was located in a highly visible office park on Montage Mountain with a poor, rocky landscape from prior coal mining use.

**Aesthetic and Ecological Enhancement Project, Phase I** focused on the design and construction of a forested landscape in the steep degraded area around the Center. Through volunteer planting opportunities, the project educated Boy Scout youth and families about the life-long value of environmental stewardship and community service.

**Project Accomplishments**

- Planted 12 trees including 8 evergreens, 4 deciduous, 8 canopy, and 4 flowering;
- Planted 155 shrubs and 155 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 188 cubic yards of mulch;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, and Vince Riggi, Service Center Architect, created a plan for the project site;
- Installed 660 feet of erosion control; and
- Spread 21,367 square feet of seeded meadow mix.

**Project Value and Match**

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$19,401</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$69,401</b>

**Project Partnerships**

- Department of Welfare – volunteers
- Local Boy Scout troop – volunteers
- MetLife – volunteers
- The Times Leader* – volunteers
- United Way – volunteers
- University of Scranton – volunteers
- Zurk Excavating – services

