

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Northern Gateway Enhancement Project, Phase 3

Project Manager: James Kaiser, Jr.

1999 Grant Award: \$ 50,000

The **Northern Gateway Enhancement Project, Phase 3** improved the existing condition of numerous roadside areas found along the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, three miles north and south of the Keyser Avenue Interchange. The project benefits the public through scenic enhancement and by adding diversity to the roadside with seasonal colors, native plantings, and texture.

Significant Revisions to Scope of Work

Changes in plant materials occurred after Design Review Meetings.

Project Accomplishments*

- Planted 112 trees including 45 evergreens, 71 canopy, and 41 flowering;
- Placed 3,010 square yards of mulch;
- Placed 280 cubic yards of topsoil;
- James Kaiser, Jr., a registered landscape architect, created a plan for the project site;
- Attended “Managing the Impacts of Drought on the Landscape and Urban Forest” offered by Penn State Cooperative Extension;
- Attended 2000 Landscape and Nurseryman’s Conference; and
- Attended Conservation Landscaping Seminar for Federal Facilities.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 50,000
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 91,300</u>
Total Project Value	\$141,300

Project Partnerships

City of Scranton – project support

Commission’s Landscape Unit (CLU) – project support

PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – technical assistance



**plant material extrapolated from landscape plans*