

Sayre Borough Parks and Recreation Committee

Sayre Riverfront Park

Project Manager: Anthony Ligouri

2000 Grant Award: \$ 20,000

The **Sayre Riverfront Park** project focused on planting native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants to restore the riparian buffer along the Susquehanna River and provide shade and definition to public recreation areas within the park. The Sayre Borough Parks and Recreation Committee followed a Master Plan throughout the process of grant work. Due to its locale, this project significantly complemented and brought together numerous segments of open space and recreational concepts. Additionally, educational and hands-on initiatives promoted sustainable practices within Sayre Borough.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 113 deciduous, canopy trees. 76 trees were from bareroot stock;
- Planted 150 shrubs and 2,305 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 72 cubic yards of mulch;
- Haas Landscape Architects created a plan for the project site;
- Restored 11,600 square feet of riparian buffer
- Planted approximately 8 of the 25 acres of the project site;
- Planting workshop attended by 8 people;
- Four front page articles in three regional newspapers: The Evening Times, The Daily Review, and The Star Gazette. Full article in the Carantouan Greenway newsletter, River Talk; and
- Created a comprehensive planning map for the park.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$20,000
Cash Contributions	\$17,561
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 4,771</u>
Total Project Value	\$42,332

Project Partnerships

Carantouan Greenway – volunteers, publicity and education

Guthrie Clinic – volunteers

Prudential Youth Leadership Institute – volunteers

Sayre High School – volunteers

Sayre Volunteer Fire Department – watering and maintenance