

Tunkhannock Borough/Tree Association

Tunkhannock Downtown Tree Revitalization Project

Project Manager: Jennie Pitkus

2000 Grant Award: \$ 19,200



The **Tunkhannock Downtown Tree Revitalization Project** provided funds for the borough to assess hazard trees, complete a tree inventory, and plant sixty trees both in residential areas and at the gateway to the Tunkhannock Bypass. The Tunkhannock Tree Association in conjunction with Tunkhannock Borough developed and maintained a long-term plan to ensure the benefits of urban forestry including positive environmental, socio-economic, and aesthetic impacts.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 42 deciduous trees including 25 canopy and 17 flowering;
- Planted 300 herbaceous plants;
- Vincent Cotrone, ISA Certified Arborist, assessed borough street trees;
- 16 volunteers conducted a tree inventory within the borough after being trained by Vincent Cotrone;
- Pruned 11 and removed 30 hazardous trees; and
- Removed 40 stumps.

Project Match and Value

Grant Award	\$19,200
Cash Contributions	\$ 3,450
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$19,900</u>
Total Project Value	\$42,550

Project Partnerships

Bill Pencek, Penn State Extension – consulting and inspecting

GPU Energy – hazard tree removals and tree planting

Penn DOT – tree planting and landscaping (bypass)

Tunkhannock Business and Professional Women – financial support

Tunkhannock Borough Council – in-kind contributions, manpower, and project support

Tunkhannock Downtown Business Association – support with grant writing

Tunkhannock High School – forestry and wildlife class tree planting

Tunkhannock *New Age Examiner* – publicity

Tunkhannock Tree Association – tree inventory, watering, and pruning

Vincent Cotrone, Penn State Extension – consulting and inspecting

Wal Mart – \$500.00 Environmental grant