

Tunkhannock Township

Lazybrook Acres Park

Project Manager: Glenn Shupp

1999 Grant Award: \$ 150,000

The **Lazybrook Acres Park** project created an outdoor recreation and environmental facility from a 38-acre former residential subdivision development along the banks of the Tunkhannock Creek. After a flooding catastrophe in 1996, all flood prone houses were demolished and the site was deeded to Tunkhannock Township for use as park or open space. This project protected existing riparian vegetation and habitat along Tunkhannock Creek, reduced flooding by planting native trees and shrubs, created an arboretum, and remediated hazardous trees on site.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 172 trees including 79 evergreens, 93 deciduous, 28 canopy, and 35 flowering;
- Planted 428 shrubs and 2,802 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 240 cubic yards of mulch;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site and conducted a tree inventory;
- Pruned 18 and removed 21 hazardous trees;
- Ground 21 stumps and Cleared 8 acres underbrush;
- Removed 1 acre multiflora rose and Japanese knotweed;
- Established 3,000 feet of riparian buffer;
- Established level walking trail, 4,000 foot shore line trail, and 3,000 foot chipped trail;
- Created 332 identification labels on the project plantings;
- Planted 31 acres of the project site;
- Bill Pencek held three pruning classes on site;
- Held Master Gardeners classes on site; and
- Park maps available at the Tunkhannock Township Building.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$150,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 74,150
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 75,850</u>
Total Project Value	\$300,000



Project Partnerships

Anthony Santoli and Bob Hobbes, PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – technical assistance
Bennies Nursery – trees
Decker Lumber – donation for building material
Deer Park Lumber – mulch
Dobrinski Trucking and Hewey Trucking – top soil
Ebbs Nursery – flowers, shrubs, and bushes
Keller Crushing – donation of path material
Keystone College – tree identification
Klaus Classon and Tunkhannock Township Employees – services
Lazybrook Park Committee, Lions Club, Wyoming County Prison Warden, Wyoming County Commissioners, and Wyoming County Planning Commission – project support
Lemon Township Employees – donation of rollers and trucks
Local Boy and Girl Scout Troops – volunteers
Milnes Engineer, Duke Bishop – surveying
PA DEP – technical assistance
Thomas McLane Associates – landscaping and architectural services
Tunkhannock High School Shop Class – built benches
Tunkhannock Township former supervisors and secretary – project support and administrative services
Tunkhannock Township Secretary – administrative services
Whipple Lumber – wood supplies
Wyoming County Conservation District – financial support
Wyoming County Extension Office – tree pruning