

## Factoryville Shade Tree Commission

Revitalization of Our Trees in Factoryville (ROOTS), Phase I

Project Manager: Liz Ratchford

2000 Grant Award: \$ 14,050

The first phase of **Revitalization of Our Trees in Factoryville (ROOTS)** addressed the significant need for hazardous tree remediation work in Factoryville. An assessment by a Certified Arborist revealed many dangerous trees in the Borough. **Phase I** supported hazardous removals, pruning, maintenance of healthy trees, and replacement of removed trees. An important part of this project was the education of the community about proper bareroot tree planting and tree care. Additionally, a Shade Tree Ordinance was created and approved by the Factoryville Borough Council.

### Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

The project timeline was revised in order to organize pruning and removal contracts. More time was needed to accurately determine the property owners for each of the trees on the priority list.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 43 deciduous trees including 11 canopy and 32 flowering. 19 trees were from bareroot stock;
- Placed 40 cubic yards of mulch;
- Joe Mullen, Certified Arborist, conducted a tree inventory;
- Pruned 8 and removed 47 trees;
- Collaborated with Penn DOT on the removal of 6 additional hazardous trees;
- Obtained a 25% cost share from homeowners for tree removal, pruning, and/or planting;
- Removed Japanese knotweed; and
- Mulched walking trail with chips from pruning project.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$14,050</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 6,783
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$28,079</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$48,912</b>



### Project Partnerships

- American Lung Association – donation of 6 redbud trees
- Baptist Bible College – student volunteers
- Christy Mathewson Little League – volunteers for tree care
- Commonwealth Telephone Company – hazardous tree removal
- Creekside Gardens – donation of 10 lilac trees
- Factoryville Borough Council – volunteers and administrative services
- Factoryville Men’s and Women’s Civic Clubs – volunteers for tree care and cleanup of wood after tree removals
- Keystone College – professional assistance and student volunteers
- Lackawanna Trail School District – student volunteers and educational support
- PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – Arbor Day celebration
- Penn State Cooperative Extension – contract advice, technical assistance, and overall project support
- Penn DOT – hazardous tree removals
- Synergis Technologies, Inc. – webmaster and computer inventory
- Tiger Scouts – Arbor Day tree planting