

Laceyville Borough

Laceyville Borough Streetscape Improvement Project

Project Manager: Brian Ace

2001 Grant Award: \$ 8,000

Laceyville is a gateway community to Wyoming County along US Route 6, an emerging Heritage Tourism Highway. Over the past several decades, the Borough has experienced serious economic decline and a deterioration of infrastructure common throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. The streetscape along Main Street in Laceyville suffered as well and became devoid of plant material. In the mid 1990s, Wyoming County developed a County Comprehensive Plan that called for revitalization in Laceyville. The Borough applied for and received support from the state for the design of a revitalization plan. In the spring of 2000, Penn DOT awarded a grant for streetscape improvements including new curbs, sidewalks, verges, and street lamps.

Laceyville then sought and received funding from the Program for the **Laceyville Borough Streetscape Improvement Project** along Main Street between Church Street and Bee Street. This Urban Forestry grant added street trees, grates, topsoil, and mulch to Laceyville's main streets. A total of \$6,300 was raised through a promotion selling tree sponsorships to local residents. Area support was outstanding with this project.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 19 deciduous, flowering trees;
- Planted 14 shrubs and 36 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 4 cubic yards of mulch;
- Larson Design, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site;
- Rave's Landscaping conducted a street tree inventory;
- Established ½ acre of riparian buffer;
- Cleared ½ acre of Susquehanna river bank of junk, dumped material, and debris;
- Mailed promotional brochures explaining the revitalization process to 2,500 local residents; and
- Placed 18 cubic yards of topsoil on site.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 8,000
Cash Contributions	\$15,765
In-kind Contributions	\$ 480
Total Project Value	\$24,245

Project Partnerships

24 local individuals – financial support

Grange National Bank – bought vacant building

Laceyville Borough Council – project oversight

Laceyville Hardware Staff – overall project support

Northern Tier Towanda – planning

PA Department of Community and Economic Development – financial support

Penn DOT – T21 grant and financial support

Richard Sutter and Associates – comprehensive community plan

Taylor Excel – project support

The Rocket Courier – publicity

