

Marywood University

Marywood Site Improvement, Perimeter Planting, Habitat Enhancement, and Community Education

Project Manager: John Burns

2000 Grant Award: \$ 18,821

Marywood University is a pastoral campus amidst residential communities in the Scranton and the Dunmore Borough. Following a campus wide effort to improve resource management, the University applied for and received status as an Arboretum. Funding from the Program supported a multiphase landscape improvement and community education project for the development of the Arboretum.

The **Marywood Site Improvement, Perimeter Planting, Habitat Enhancement, and Community Education** project consisted of four planting areas: 2 residential blocks, campus day care centers, and a residential center near a parking lot. The plantings at the day care centers increased the wildlife habitat and provided educational opportunities for the children. A vacant lot on a residential street, which contained large and diseased poplar trees, has been enhanced with a grassy area surrounded by flowering and canopy trees. All four sites improve the environmental quality of the area for school students, children, staff, and neighbors.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 87 trees including 17 evergreen, 70 deciduous, 31 canopy, and 56 flowering;
- Planted 78 shrubs and 25 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 60 cubic yards of mulch;
- Removed 7 diseased poplar trees;
- Held a public presentation to rededicate the Marywood University Arboretum;
- Coordinated a “Walk in the Wild” presentation by Derry Bird, naturalist, for children, campus staff, neighbors, and the public;
- Prepared press releases, announcements on the University’s web site, and additional articles in ‘Impressions’; and
- Received a Growing Greener Award for the headwaters of the Carter Creek watershed.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$18,821
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$27,052</u>
Total Project Value	\$45,873

Project Partnerships

1400 College Ave. Block Committee – plantings

Brenda Spangenberg – planting, watering, and mulching

Crowley Park Association – plantings

Derry Bird – presentation “A Walk in the Wild”

Development and Public Relations Staff – project planning, communication, and implementation

Damiano Early Childhood Center – plantings and education

Dunmore Borough Council – passed ordinance to allow planting

Fricchione Daycare Center – planting, watering, mulching, and building birdhouses

Green Ridge Neighbors Association – planning and development

Holy Family Residence – plantings and property consent

Pugwash Club – general project support

Roseanne Martinetti – mulching

