

Matamoras Recreation Committee

Airport Park Tree Project

Project Manager: Gerald Wenders

2000 Grant Award: \$ 3,125

Airport Park is located adjacent to the Delaware River in Matamoras, PA, a community with approximately 2,000 residents. Residents of the Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey areas frequently use the baseball fields, outdoor hockey rink, and playground facilities at Airport Park. Formerly a World War II pilot training facility, much of the park had been stripped of its topsoil.

The **Airport Park Tree Project** amended soils in tree planting sites, created two raised planting beds, and planted trees, shrubs, and herbaceous materials. The project team also inventoried the new and existing trees in the park and tagged many of the plants. Strong partnerships in the community helped the Recreation Committee enrich the park with shade, beauty, diversity, and education.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 15 deciduous trees including 11 canopy and 4 flowering. 14 trees were from bareroot stock;
- Planted 14 shrubs and 9 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 28 cubic yards of mulch;
- Created a forest stewardship plan that included a park maintenance worker;
- Created 21 plastic identification labels mounted on angle cut 4x4 wood posts for the project plantings; and
- Added 4 loads of topsoil and 2½ bales of peat moss to park plantings.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 3,125
Cash Contributions	\$ 1,972
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 8,535</u>
Total Project Value	\$13,632

Project Partnerships

David Gniewek, Attorney at Law – typing, faxing

Jeff’s Garden Shop – consulting, tree purchase, planting, and faxing

Matamoras Department of Public Works – labor and machinery

Matamoras Shade Tree Commission – grant application

Milford Shade Tree Commission, Al Knox – tree identification and watering

Penn State Cooperative Extension – tree consulting, ordering, and care instruction

Pike County Jail – labor and services