

**Milford Borough**

Milford Square Enhancement Project, Phase 3

Project Manager: Richard Snyder

2000 Grant Award: \$ 100,000

Located along the Delaware River adjacent to New Jersey and close to New York, Milford is an important gateway for visitors to the Northeast Pennsylvania region. In addition, Gifford Pinchot, first Chief of the USDA Forest Service and founder of the conservation movement, resided in Milford. Decades of urban development, economic decline, and an aging tree population has led to a stark streetscape in this historic and important town.

The Milford Square Enhancement Committee was organized to develop a coordinated revitalization plan. Funding from this Program in 1998 and 1999 supported the greenscaping component of the plan at the Milford Community House and on Broad Street. **Milford Square Enhancement Project, Phase 3** supported plantings at the Judge Biddis/Veteran’s War Memorial Area, Turkey Hill at Hartford and 6th Streets, and at the entrance to the Old Lumberyard Shops and Eckerd parking lots.

**Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work**

Due to time constraints and scheduling conflicts, original plans to include work along West Hartford Street were postponed in favor of work at the Biddis/Veteran’s Memorial.

**Project Accomplishments**

- Planted 127 trees including 17 evergreen, 110 deciduous, 67 canopy, and 60 flowering;
- Planted 461 shrubs and 1,565 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 23 cubic yards of mulch;
- Utilized prior tree inventory work completed by Milford Shade Tree Commission;
- The Delta Group, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site; and
- Presented project at the Muir House to potential donors.

**Project Value and Match**

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 25,825
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$131,457</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$257,282</b>

**Project Partnerships**

Community House Association – future site maintenance

Milford Garden Club – future site maintenance

Milford Shade Tree Commission – original inventory and project coordination

Milford USA.com – revenue for future site maintenance

Penn DOT – project coordination

Pike County Historic Preservation Trust – account management and general project support

The Delta Group, Tom Schraudenbach – reporting

