

Milford Borough Shade Tree Commission

Save the Milford Forest, Year Three

Project Manager: Valerie Meyer

2000 Grant Award: \$ 15,000

The third phase of **Save the Milford Forest** included a four-step tree management program involving assessment, hazard tree removals, stump removals, and tree replacement. Close collaboration between the Borough Council, Shade Tree Commission, and Borough citizens was needed to fully understand and communicate to the community the reasons for removing the century old trees. After several years of inventorying, assessing, and tagging Milford's street trees, grant funds were used to address hazardous and declining trees one street at a time. This phase work concentrated on Ann Street.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 35 canopy trees including 1 evergreen and 34 deciduous. 30 trees were from bareroot stock;
- Placed 4 cubic yards of mulch;
- Eric Engstrom, Certified Arborist, conducted a tree inventory;
- Removed 48 hazardous trees;
- Ground 37 stumps;
- 35 people attended a presentation by Gilbert High entitled, "Do Street Trees Affect Municipal Liability?";
- Purchased and used 72 Gatorbags™ on newly planted trees; and
- Awarded Tree City USA for 20th consecutive year and Growth Award for the 3rd year.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$15,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 5,346
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$24,445</u>
Total Project Value	\$44,791

Project Partnerships

Engstrom Tree and Landscape – guidance, consultation, and woodchips
Milford Borough Council – clean up after take downs and stump removals

Milford Square Enhancement Committee – consultation with landscape architect and main street manager

Milford Garden Club – Arbor Day lunch

Milford Print Shop – donation of thank you notes

Penn State Cooperative Extension Program – brochure design and mailing, order and transport of bare root trees

Pike County Dispatch – educational news release

Pike County Treasurer – revision of Borough color-coded map

Power Company Community Relations – cooperation with line clearance

