

## Nicholson Borough

Nicholson Borough Urban Reforestry Project

Project Manager: Dawn Bell

2001 Grant Award: \$ 8,665

The **Nicholson Borough Urban Reforestry Project** focused on the inventory and evaluation of the Borough's street trees, as well as ecological and tree care instruction. Aging maples, ornamental trees, and unsightly stumps line the streets of Nicholson. This project addressed the hazardous trees along State Street, a main thoroughfare with mixed residential, commercial, and public properties.

Bill Pencek, Certified Arborist, identified 15 trees for removal, 10 more than expected. All homeowners were contacted and offered the opportunity to remove a hazardous tree and stump for a reduced cost, as well as a replacement tree for \$25.00 per tree. State Street in Nicholson has been cleared of hazardous trees and is much more appealing to visitors and homeowners.

### Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

Additional funds in the amount of \$665 paid for higher planting costs.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 18 deciduous, canopy trees including 7 from bareroot stock;
- Jon Brown and Bill Pencek, Certified Arborists, conducted a tree inventory;
- Removed 15 hazardous trees;
- Ground 34 stumps;
- Placed 21 loads of topsoil; and
- Obtained a 25% cost share from homeowners for tree removal and/or planting.

### Project Value and Match

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| <b>Grant Award</b>         | <b>\$ 8,665</b> |
| Cash Contributions         | \$ 2,833        |
| In-kind Contributions      | \$ 9,305        |
| <b>Total Project Value</b> | <b>\$20,803</b> |



### Project Partnerships

Borough Department of Public Works – donated 8 hours with dump truck and operator and 21 hours with backhoe and operator

Borough residents – financial support

Penn State Cooperative Extension Forester, Bill Pencek – technical assistance

Sabuacaks Excavating – hauled in 21 loads of topsoil