

## Northeast Bradford School District

Northeast Bradford Arboretum and Nature Grove Expansion

Project Manager: Pamela Charlesworth

2000 Grant Award: \$ 15,000

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The **Northeast Bradford Arboretum and Nature Grove Expansion** project enhanced an existing educational landscape that is situated between the elementary and high school buildings. Stream and wetland areas are located on site and provide a valuable outdoor learning environment. The Expansion project integrated new native tree and shrub plantings for improved diversity within the existing arboretum and wetland areas. Trail improvements were also added for increased accessibility during wet seasons and improved handicapped access. In addition, the project team installed new tree identification stations along with developing a revised tree identification guide. The Nature Grove Expansion has addressed the continued need for diverse environmental awareness and knowledge among the students, staff, and community of Northeast Bradford.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 28 trees including 2 evergreens, 26 deciduous, 24 canopy, and 4 flowering;
- Planted 54 shrubs;
- Placed 60 cubic yards of mulch;
- Established trail through arboretum including construction of a bridge spanning a wetland;
- Created 45 identification labels on the project plantings; and
- Received an Education and Demonstration Stream Project Growing Greener Grant.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
Cash Contributions	\$ 19,616
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 1,725</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$ 36,341</b>

### Project Partnerships

Bradford County Conservation District – technical assistance

GPU – donated materials

Masonite Corporation – financial support

Northeast Bradford District Maintenance Crew – services

Northeast Bradford School Board – project support

Penn State Cooperative Extension – technical assistance

PTG Parent Group – labor and financial support

Wysox Watershed Association – services and labor

