

## Old Forge Borough

Old Forge Borough DPW Beautification Project

Project Manager: Margaret Manza

2000 Grant Award: \$ 5,000

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The industrial history of Old Forge began in 1774 when the first grist and sawmills were constructed along a canal near the Lackawanna River. The presence of iron ore and coal invited the construction of blast furnaces at the forge. As industrialism increased, additional forges were constructed, leaving the original forge abandoned. Later, the borough became known as “Old Forge.”

The **Old Forge Borough DPW Beautification Project** focused on greenscaping a newly constructed DPW garage. The building, which is adjacent to a residential development, was built on a barren, degraded strip mine that was abandoned by local industries. A long border of evergreens was planted along the DPW property to improve the environment for building patrons and the nearby residents.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 46 evergreen trees; and
- Placed 5 cubic yards of mulch.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

### Project Partnerships

Old Forge Borough Street Commission – watering