

South Abington Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Committee

South Abington Parks Hazardous Tree Remediation, Phase 4

Project Managers: James Mayfield and David O'Neill

2000 Grant Award: \$ 7,500

Phase 4 of South Abington Parks Hazardous Tree Remediation

continued remediation and removal work that the Program had funded for the past several years in South Abington township. This project is part of a township effort to improve a community and youth-oriented park system, as well as enhance safety and appearance. It is also part of numerous local efforts which have been funded by the Program to improve the urban forests along the Route 6 & 11 corridor.

Phase 4 focused on tree hazard remediation and tree plantings in two community parks. The Shade Tree Committee partnered closely with the South Abington Parks and Recreation Committee to tailor the urban forest infrastructure to the community needs for park and recreation space.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 29 deciduous trees including 23 canopy and 6 flowering;
- Planted 199 shrubs and 227 herbaceous plants;
- Followed Bill Graham's, ISA Certified Arborist, 1997 tree inventory and assessment;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site;
- Pruned 100* and removed 80* hazardous trees; and
- Placed 60 cubic yards topsoil.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 7,500
Cash Contributions	\$ 7,333
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 12,903</u>
Total Project Value	\$ 27,736

*Partnerships and accomplishments extrapolated from budget.

Project Partnerships

Abington Professional Business Association – services
Abington Township clerical staff – services
Audubon Society – technical assistance
Gerald Kelly, PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry – technical assistance
Lackawanna County Conservation District – seedlings
Lackawanna State Park – education
Local Boy Scout troop – volunteers
PA Game Commission – technical assistance
Penn State Cooperative Extension Service – technical assistance
ReMax Realty – project support
Rotary of Abington – general project support and volunteers
Thomas McLane Associates – services
Township Department of Public Works personnel – services

