

2000 Special Initiatives

Mehoopany Area Library

Landscape Development at Mehoopany Area Library
 Project Manager: James F. Byrnes
 Grant Award: \$ 1,991

The Mehoopany Area Library serves five townships in Northeast Pennsylvania and a large number of senior citizens. In 2002, the Library decided to move to a new location to meet increased demand for space and fulfill the need for handicapped accessibility. The new building was a former all-purpose facility for the Mehoopany Elementary School. Volunteers and community members have been a tremendous help in this transition.

The Library sought the assistance of the Program to create a new landscape around the building. The goal was to make the new building more attractive and aesthetically pleasing for community members. In the fall of 2002, the following accomplishments were achieved:

- Planted 5 deciduous, canopy trees;
- Planted 41 shrubs and 7 herbaceous plants;
- Wayne Lucas, Registered Landscape Architect, created a plan for the project site; and
- Placed 18 cubic yards mulch.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 1,991
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 2,997</u>
Total Project Value	\$ 4,988

Project Partners

Bennie's Nursery – supplies
 Library Board – volunteers and maintenance
 Mehoopany Township – maintenance

Botany Department, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania

Weed Warriors
 Project Managers: Ann Rhoads, Ph.D. and Timothy Block, Ph.D.
 Grant Award: \$ 13,288

The **Weed Warrior Project** is a special initiative, in conjunction with the Delaware River Invasive Partnership, to train and equip volunteer “Weed Warriors” who would locate and work on controlling invasive species in the Northeast Pennsylvania region. To date, accomplishments of this project include:

- Preparing a manual of invasive plant identification and management for Northeastern Pennsylvania and creating 50 copies for distribution;
- Assembling 4 Weed Warrior field kits;
- Conducting two all day indoor/outdoor training workshops for approximately 20 volunteers; and
- Providing ongoing technical assistance in the form of identification of plant species.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 13,288
In-kind Contributions	<u>\$ 6,644</u>
Total Project Value	\$ 19,932

Project Partners

The Nature Conservancy and the Delaware River Invasive Plant Partnership – project administration