

Towanda Borough

Towanda Borough Streetscape, Phase II

Project Manager: Thomas Fairchild, Jr.

2000 Grant Award: \$ 65,000

As part of a comprehensive regional effort to improve the physical, economic, and social environment of the area, Towanda Borough created a master plan in the mid to late 1980s. In 1998, the Program supported Phase I of a streetscape revitalization component of the plan. Tree pit plantings using Cornell's Structural Soil requirements were installed and overhead utility lines were buried below brick pavers.

The Towanda Borough Streetscape, Phase II expanded upon this previous work and intended to add new plantings along River Street which parallels the Susquehanna River.

Significant Revisions to the Scope of Work

The Towanda Borough Streetscape Program River Street planting went through significant delays due to unforeseen problems with Penn DOT and utility companies. The Borough shifted focus to developing the Garden Gateway Plaza, greenscaping an expansive asphalt parking lot at the Bradford County History Center and C & N Bank, moving oak trees from River Street to Plank Street for the Penn DOT work, and planting and pruning numerous trees on streets throughout the Borough.

Project Accomplishments

- Planted 152 deciduous trees including 43 canopy and 109 flowering. 42 trees were bareroot stock;
- Planted 219 shrubs and 4 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 3 cubic yards of mulch and 11 loads of topsoil;
- Pruned approximately 50 trees;
- Haas Landscape Architects created a plan for the project site;
- Installed a sign and kiosk welcoming residents and visitors to the borough at the Gateway Garden Plaza;
- Installed 2 benches to be memorialized;
- Successfully transplanted 12 oak trees;
- Purchased land for the Garden Gateway Plaza with funds contributed from a land transfer between Central Bradford Progress Authority and Penn DOT; and

- Received Tree City USA Award and received PA DCNR Small Communities Grant.

Project Value and Match

Grant Award	\$ 65,000
Cash Contributions	\$ 85,919
In-kind Contributions	\$ 53,587
Total Project Value	\$204,506

Project Partnerships

Bradford County History Center – land for site improvements

C & N Bank – land for site improvements

Central Bradford Progress Authority – land transfer and financial support

PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, Jim Lacek – technical assistance

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Penn DOT – land transfer and project coordination

Penn State Cooperative Extension – technical assistance

Towanda Borough – project administration, labor, and services

Towanda Shade Tree Commission – services and planning