

## Tunkhannock Public Library

Landscape Development at the Tunkhannock Public Library

Project Manager: Susan Turrell

2000 Grant Award: \$ 17,500

The Tunkhannock Public Library serves over 10,000 patrons of Wyoming County. The goal of the **Landscape Development at the Tunkhannock Public Library** project was to enhance a newly constructed building with park like settings and outdoor learning environments. The new library was built on one of the few remaining tracts of open space along US Route 6, near a large expanse of commercial development. The Library wanted to enhance and integrate the natural features of this former dumpsite with the new building and programs.

Landscape improvements were numerous and included tree plantings, colorful perennial beds, entrance gardens, an environmental classroom, and a seeded swale for highway runoff. Transformation of this land also inspired the renovation of 4 adjacent properties. Library circulation is up 34% and library patrons now enjoy the gardens and the natural classroom.

### Project Accomplishments

- Planted 31 trees including 15 evergreen, 16 deciduous, 25 canopy, and 6 flowering;
- Planted 366 shrubs and 12,353 herbaceous plants;
- Placed 3 inches of mulch on each tree;
- Thomas McLane Associates, landscape architects, created a plan for the project site; and
- 4 loads of topsoil were donated to the site.

### Project Value and Match

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>
Cash Contributions	\$16,624
In-kind Contributions	\$ 2,869
<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$36,993</b>

### Project Partnerships

Bennie's Nursery – plantings

Friends of the Library – volunteers and technical assistance

Hughey Trucking, Inc. – donated 4 loads topsoil

Penn DOT – project coordination

Thomas Horlacher – architectural services

Thomas McLane Associates – landscape design services

Tunkhannock Area Middle School Builders Club – volunteers

Wal Mart – donated a crab apple tree

