

Native Plant Program – Banking on the future

(FY07) Accomplishments

The Allegheny National Forest launched a native plant program in FY2006. In FY2007 activities focused on meeting with local nurseries one-on-one to discuss the ANF program, the need for locally grown native plants not only for use by the ANF but also homeowners, why native plants should be emphasized and the impacts from some readily available non-native invasive plants used by many landowners and landscape contractors in the area.

Work began on the construction of a wildflower garden in front of the Forest Supervisor's office. Removal of non-native invasives such as periwinkle (*Vinca minor*) and winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*) is underway. Planting planned for late fall and early spring.

Also in FY2007, work continued with the Warren County Garden club on their Native Plant Woodland garden.

The original proposal also included the collection of seed/plant materials on the ANF in FY2007, however, the lead person was off for two months due to knee surgery and this was not accomplished.



Girl Scouts Planting a Native Wildflower Garden for National Public Lands Day 2007 (bat houses above).

Year Awarded: FY2007

Project completion: (year) FY2008

Report number: (2 of 3)

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: 37,000
- Expend: 23,000
- Remaining: 14,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Girl Scouts, Warren County Garden Club, Ernst Seed

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What's Happening Here?

Removing non-native invasive species such as the periwinkle (*Vinca minor*) and winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*) and replacing with native plants.



Vinca minor



Euonymus fortunei

Learn more about non-native invasive plants and their impacts at: www.fs.fed.us/invasivespecies



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Educational sign about the construction of a native wildflower garden in front of the ANF Supervisor's Office, Warren, PA