

Greenbrier Native Plant Garden on the Monongahela National Forest

2009 Accomplishments

This native plant garden was started in 2008 to encourage pollinators in our area and serve as an educational tool for the public. Pollinators are responsible for almost 90% of our food, but without native plants their numbers can decline. This year, the Greenbrier native plant garden received numerous updates. More than 50 new species were planted, footpaths were created, ditches were lined with flagstone and mulch was acquired and applied. We had a district work day that accomplished lots of those tasks, ending in a festive potluck under the pergola constructed this year by a local contractor. We also installed plant identification signs, and are awaiting our larger entry sign. Many plants were purchased from local growers, but several were grown under a partnership with the Alderson Plant Materials Center. Most of the seed for this project was collected locally by district employees. Our plans for the future include using this site as a native seed collection site to encourage natives on other parts of the forest, as well as educating the public about the importance of native landscaping.



Figure 2. pollination in action



Figure 1. Forest employees celebrate after their garden beautification day,

Year Awarded: initial award in 2008

Project completion: 2010
Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures (through 10/2009):

- FY09 funding \$13,161 expend. \$12,993.30; \$167.70 remaining
- Total funding \$40,701 total expend \$40,276.30;**
- \$424.70 total remaining**

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Alderson Plant Materials Center (Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture).

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