

Native Plant Pollinator Garden

Kelly Creek Work Center, Clearwater National Forest

2012 Accomplishments

With over 330 hours of effort contributed by volunteers and partner organizations in 2012, the Kelly Creek Pollinator Garden blossomed this summer! Located at the confluence of the North Fork of the Clearwater River and Kelly Creek on the North Fork Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest, the 1500 square foot garden will eventually boast over 30 native plant species. The garden will serve as habitat for native insects and birds as well as provide an inviting, educational entry for the information/work center.

The primary goals for the project in 2012 included installing the majority of the hardscaping and cultivating and planting the garden beds. The hardscaping includes a dry creek bed, informational sign, garden paths, three small flagstone patios around the bench, flagpole and bulletin boards and delineation of the garden beds. The boulders, flagstone, gravel, and sand for hardscaping were all collected from the surrounding area. Even the mulch was a recycled product that came from a hazard fuel reduction project on the Forest!

Montana Conservation Corp crew members provided the bulk of the people-power to prep the garden beds and lay the flagstone. Stone Ridge Construction assisted by placing large anchor boulders in the garden and dry creek bed. In May, Timberline School students started growing plants for the garden in their school greenhouse. Native seeds were provided by the Coeur d'Alene Nursery and the Forest Botanist. To bolster the number of species and include some larger specimens in the garden, the Valley Garden Club and Natives West Nursery donated additional plants. The Garden Club developed a planting plan and visited the site in July to arrange and transplant the garden's first flowers and shrubs. As a result of all the hard work contributed in 2012, there are now 25 native species growing in the garden, with more to come in 2013!



Cultivating the garden beds: MT Conservation Corp



Planting Crew: Valley Garden Club



New pollinator sign installed at Kelly Creek

Year awarded: FY11 NFN305 funding

Project completion Date: 2013

Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures: All funding was spent in 2011

Partners: Valley Garden Club; Natives West Nursery & Eco Service; Timberline School District; Coeur d'Alene Nursery; North Fork District personnel; Stone Ridge Construction

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