



Metro Atlanta Pollinator Gardens Forest Service Southern Region

2010 Accomplishments

This project was initiated in 2010 to develop pollinator gardens at schools and parks in metro Atlanta, GA. This partnership project involves USDA Forest Service, Captain Planet Foundation, National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Keeping It Wild (KIW), Atlanta Public Schools, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance, Monarchs Across Georgia (MAG), and EcoAddendum (Eco). To date, \$22,000 has been placed into two agreements, one each with NWF, and KIW. These funds will be used for small grants and must be matched at least 1:1. Total project value will be at least \$44,000. Emphasis is on Title I schools which do not have the financial capability in the community to plant gardens without grants. Native plants will be used and gardens will be incorporated in curricula. Eco and MAG are our sources for native plants, Eco is providing plant recommendations and fund raising opportunities for schools. Vegetables will also be planted so students can see first hand the role of pollinators in food production. The hope is the gardens become campus-wide, similar to a 15-year effort at Ford Elementary School. See link below

<http://eeingeorgia.org/net/org/info.aspx?s=70349.0.0.4863>



Figure 2. Spring, Summer, and Fall beds, additional beds planned along fence. Note downtown skyline



Figure 1. Dr. Susan McClendon, Centennial Place Elementary School works soil while Dennis Krusac, FS project coordinator, plants swamp milkweed.

Year Project Initiated: 2010

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures (through 10/2010): FS \$12,000
obligated to pollinator agreements

FY10 funding
Partners/Contractors/Coop:). \$10,000

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