

Native Plant Pollinator Garden

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RANGER DISTRICT

Lewis & Clark National Forest

2011 Accomplishments



Native Plant Pollinator Garden prior to construction. July 2011

The White Sulphur Springs Native Plant Pollinator Garden is located at the ranger district office on Highway 12. The site is highly visible and receives a large amount of foot traffic due to an adjacent paved pull out and three Kings Hill Scenic Byway signs.

The 2,200 square foot garden will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 included site preparation and was completed in 2011. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in 2012 and will include planting of native species. Four native tree species already existed on site prior to construction.

In August, construction began by removing sod from the site. The Meagher County Road Department donated topsoil for the garden, which was mixed with soil amendment, mounded to create interest on the site, and covered with varying sizes of rock. Large, lichen covered rocks and dead snags were collected from the forest by a local community member. These large rocks were used to construct planters, a bench, and placed throughout the garden for decoration. Snags were set upright in the ground and will be used to create displays educating the public on pollinator habitat. A pathway, which meanders through the garden, was constructed using flat paver stone purchased from a quarry at nearby Harlowton, MT.

Additionally, the current underground sprinkler system was reconfigured to accommodate the new garden.

The pollination panel, developed for Region One by Nancy Seiler, was purchased and will be installed in 2012, along with small name plates identifying various plant species in the garden. Planting will take place in spring/summer of 2012. Finishing touches such as bee boxes, bird houses and bird baths will also be placed in the garden next summer.

Labor for garden construction was carried out by Forest Service personnel and community partners.



Phase 1 garden construction completed Sept. 2011.

Year awarded: FY11 NFN3 funding

Planned project completion: 2012

Report number: 1

Expenditures: \$6,400 NFN3 funding awarded, \$6,400 expended, \$0 remaining

Partners: Master Gardener Melinda Venard; Meagher County Community Foundation, Allison Grove; Meagher County Road Department; Friends of the Library; White Sulphur Springs Garden Club; Stevens Youth Center; Girl Scouts; 4-H/Extension, R1 Native Plant Program

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