

Award #45

Award Name: Wildflower and Roadside Improvement Award

Award Submitted by: O'Fallon Garden Club

Number of Members: 112

1. New project: Yes No Beginning date: 13 April, 2021 Completion date: N/A

2. Brief summary and objectives of project:

One of the O'Fallon Garden Club members is a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Intern. In the process of doing research on her property entrance, the IDOT representative suggested she apply for a permit to plant pollinators on the right-of-way. Permission was granted on 13 April 2021 which was perfect timing to start planting.

3. Involvement of club members, other organizations, etc:

Currently, she and her husband are both members of the garden club and the only one working on the right of way. Many plants were donated by members of the garden club.

4. Project expenses and means of funding:

The project is funded with personal funds to purchase plants and seeds. As the season progressed, she was able to take plants that were divided from the garden where she is earning her Master Naturalist intern hours. Additionally, there are hundreds of sunflower heads that will be harvested and dried to replant the seeds next year.

5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

Part of the right-of-way was used to farm corn, soybean and winter wheat. The soil is in need of amending which is happening little by little. Wildflower seeds were planted and they are looking forward to them blooming in the spring of 2022. As the 2022 season progresses, member of the O'Fallon Garden Club will visit and may assist with future planting.

6. Attach or insert photos, digital photos, and/or landscape plan.





