

Riverbank and Solar Bench Update

Fort Street Pollinator Habitat

- The pollinator habitat is thriving and attracting positive attention in the Harmar neighborhood. Some residents have joined the volunteer team.
- Marietta College has offered volunteers.
- Because of volunteer availability, Andrew Clovis and I have agreed on **October 2** as the date for the planting of Phase Two. I will contact the people who signed on as volunteers at Harmar Days. Jackson Patterson of Main Street West is our contact with the college volunteers. Mark Swaney, a Fort Street neighbor, has offered to supervise the college volunteers who will dig out an edging at the top of the bank.
- Andrew will arrive early on October 2 to place the plants according to his design. Planting will start around 10:00 AM.
- **Volunteers?**
- **Tools?**
- The solarization plastic and bamboo need to be removed before planting day. A team is needed for that task. **Who is available and when?**
- We have purchased an additional \$180 worth of landscape plugs from Natives in Harmony Nursery. Cindy Brown picked them up today (9/18). Other plants have been ordered from North Creek Nursery and will arrive in April for Phase Three.
- Green Sanctuary volunteers have kept the plantings watered—thanks to all! It has been suggested that we install soaker hoses to make the job easier when the planting expands. If we choose to do so, I estimate that we will need between 300-500 feet of hose to cover the main bed. The area to the north of the staircase will also need water, but reaching that area with the soakers presents a problem because of the staircase.

Solar Bench

Michael Chisholm reported that Engo is shipping the bench to arrive in late October. There is no report as to when the city will begin work on the Lock One Park project.

Question: Do we want to wait for inclusion in the park, which is intended to be a downtown showpiece, or seek a different location to get the bench placed sooner?

Marathon Oil Pollinator Habitat

On August 29th, Andrew Clovis and I met with Brian Harmon, assistant manager at the Marathon Oil trucking site on Route 7 to walk a potential pollinator habitat area. Andrew has agreed to create a basic design and species list for the site.