

CITF Project Report

Riverbank Pollinator Habitat

- The plants installed in May are thriving, and a team of volunteers added more than 200 others on October 2. The additions seem to be doing well.
- Five flats arrived after the October 2 planting and per the advice of the owner of Davis Nurseries, are being overwintered for planting in the spring.
- Al Tuttle and Chris Hoke donated a drip tape system for the site. Under the direction of Jim Grecni, George Banziger, Kat Hawbaker, Leroy McCarty, and I installed most of the system on Thursday. Jim and I will finish up on Tuesday afternoon. The system will be drained sometime after the first frost. The online advice I am finding suggests covering the drip tape with mulch, of which we have plenty.
- I gave a presentation to the Noon Rotary on October 7 and have a phone meeting scheduled on a possible joint project with People's Bank on Monday morning.
- Volunteers planted Phase One of the Maple Street butterfly garden, inspired by our project, on October 2.
- Needed for the habitat: materials for edging or a mowing strip. Because of the bermuda grass the city planted along Fort Street, the ideal edging would extend a foot or more into the soil to reduce invasive grass intrusion into the habitat.

Solar Bench Project

The bench is to arrive later this month. I have not yet spoken to Steve Wetz about whether it could be installed this season and moved when the Lock One Park project is completed. The last time I spoke with Nick Arnold of Pickering, they had been given no date for the project.