

Fort Street Pollinator Habitat Report

September 2023

The habitat remains a healthy ecosystem, with migrating monarchs and songbirds regularly visiting the site. It is still in need of being rendered more “civilized,” but as a habitat, it is thriving.

- Large amounts of pokeweed and wingstem have been removed from the future memorial garden area. The cup plant has been pruned.
- A donor has offered a second apple tree to pollinate the one donated by the Girl Scouts.
- On September 16, eight volunteers removed unwanted species from the much of bottom of the slope, preparing the site for transplanting shorter species from elsewhere in the habitat. The target date for transplanting is September 23.
- More poison ivy has been spot-treated with an approved herbicide and the plants covered to protect people working at the site.
- Mark Krivchenia has collected seeds from the site to be used in the Broughton Preserve restoration.
- A volunteer from Westlake Dimex Manufacturing has offered to approach her company regarding a donation of landscape edging for installation along the Fort Street mowing edge. This underground barrier would aid in the control of bermuda grass.
- The staircase has yet to be replaced. Jen Tinkler of Main Street has spoken with Steve Wetz; the plan is to complete the work this year.
- The next meeting of the Main Street pollinator zone committee is October 2.