

Fort Street Pollinator Habitat Report October 2024

On October 12, group of twenty volunteers from the Marietta Noon Lions, Girl Scout troop 10110, and the Marietta High School Environmental Club, along with a former student, her teenaged daughter, George Banziger, and Mark Krivchenia worked on the thinning and redesign project at the habitat. Some excess plants went to other homes; Roger Kalter brought his truck and took two loads to the Greenleaf compost farm.

The plan is to remove all tall plants from the top and bottom of the slope, leaving the shrub border and shorter species where they can be easily maintained and the giant species in the hard-to-access middle of the habitat. Roughly half the habitat was cleared, but there is more to do. Plants to remain in place have been marked with pink tape.

Anyone wanting plants for their own habitat gardens or other spaces: anything not marked is yours for the digging. I will be available from time to time for advice/plant identification until November 10, with a targeted final move date of November 13.

Dylan Holdren has agreed to be the habitat coordinator for the Marietta Main Street committee overseeing the project, but when I leave, there will be no direct FUUSM involvement unless someone volunteers for that responsibility. I am requesting that we maintain a presence with that group.

Respectfully submitted,

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