

Final Project Report from HPS 2022 Grant Recipient – Bondsville Mill

Many thanks to the Hardy Plant Society Mid-Atlantic for providing the Bondsville Mill Park with grant funds for the Amphitheater garden.

We were able to purchase four Bottle Brush Buckeye shrubs, one Sour Wood tree, five Marilyn Dwarf American Holly plants and thirty-two Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' plants with your grant.

We look forward to your members visiting the park to see first-hand the plantings in the amphitheater! There is another grant that's recently been approved that will cover the cost of the stone base that we hope to have in place before winter sets in. The benches made by the Mill's volunteer construction crew will then be moved in and we'll look forward to having Storytime programs in the amphitheater. Other programs will be scheduled for Spring including both ornithery and ecotherapy.

As you may recall, the hillside gardens are designed as a pollinator demonstration garden and education venue. Demonstration gardens can be a great opportunity for people to learn about pollinators and the importance of pollen, nectar and nesting resources even when programs are not taking place. There will be native plants in bloom from spring thru fall which will: attract many pollinators such as honey bees, native bees and butterflies.

Attached are earlier photos but wait till you see it just 10 months later! A video has been submitted to HPS for use on your Youtube channel; there you'll be able to see the variety of plantings on the amphitheater's hillsides.



