



4 Sawmill Road | Medford, New Jersey 08055

woodford cedar run wildlife refuge

September 30, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

From all of us at Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, we would like to thank The Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group for the opportunity to enrich the lives of our resident wildlife, as well as educate thousands of students and visitors each year. With the \$440 received through this grant, Cedar Run's education staff was able to purchase and plant milkweed in a small native garden (with signage) adjacent to our overflow parking area. Along with the plants, we were also able to purchase a 3-D plant model to be used for pollination lessons and several mounting of native butterfly and moth species.

Our initial grant proposal was written with funding to do pollinator lessons with the public, but with the reduced amount received we instead planted the milkweed with our homeschool students (ages 6-11). The plantings were done during our September classes that focused on migration of all kinds – including that of the Monarch Butterfly which relies heavily on the milkweed for their caterpillars' survival. We also adapted the type of milkweed we intended to purchase due to the drought this year. After some research we found that it would be better to plant bare-root plants to overwinter rather than plugs. We are looking forward to using the flower model and mountings with our students for many years to come.

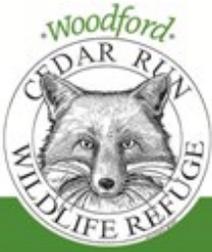
Our budget breakdown is as follows:

| Item | Quantity | Price each | Total price |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------|
| <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> - Common Milkweed (3 count) | 15 | \$12.99 | \$194.85 |
| Flower Model | 1 | \$83.95 | \$83.95 |
| Butterfly and Moth Mountings | 6 | varies | \$77.70 |
| Interpretive Signs (11x8 inches) | 1 | \$24.23 | \$24.23 |
| Shipping Fees | 3 | varies | \$67.57 |
| Total Budget: | | | \$448.30 |

Please let me know if you have any questions about this project. Our staff and resident wildlife ambassadors thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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• NATIVE PLANTS •



WHAT ARE NATIVE PLANTS?

Native plants are species that grow in a region without human introduction. Only plants found in New Jersey before European settlement are considered to be native here. They have evolved over thousands of years to be well-adapted to a variety of conditions in New Jersey and to the other plants and animals around them.



WHY GROW NATIVE PLANTS?

- Hardy, low-maintenance native plants save time and money.
- Native plants attract and support wildlife.
- Native plants improve water quality.
- Native plants work in all garden designs.



SOME PLANTS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THIS SPACE INCLUDE:

- Wild Bergamot/Beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Lowbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)
- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)

This space and plantings by Girl Scout, Marian Hollenbeck, with the generous support of the Mid-Atlantic Hardy Plant Society.