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Residents Show Off Green Thumbs During Arbor Day Garden Planting

Hummingbird Garden comes to life at Pitchford Park

Macomb Township, Mich. – Macomb Township residents showed off their green thumbs this Arbor Day as they helped Township staff plant the flowering trees and shrubs in the Pitchford Park Hummingbird Garden. The garden was made possible by grants obtained through Macomb County and the hard work of several Township residents.

The Township received a grant from the Macomb County Parks and Natural Resources' Green Macomb program with which the Township was able to purchase shrubs, perennials and trees for the garden. The project also received funding through a Consumer's Energy Planet Award grant and USDA Forest service grant that were administered through Green Macomb.

Making up the garden are several different species of hummingbird-friendly perennials, flowers and trees including Crabapple, Serviceberry, Redbud, Witch Hazel, Clethra-Ruby Spice, Red Twig Dogwood, Lilac and Red Oak. The remaining flowers and perennials will be planted in May.

"We're very excited to be able to plant this garden at Pitchford Park for Macomb Township to enjoy. With the butterfly garden, dog park and hummingbird garden, this park is going to be a beautiful haven for the community and our animal and insect friends," said Macomb Township Treasurer Leon Drolet.

While the grants provided funding for the purchase of the plants, the garden itself is the result of significant time and energy from Macomb Township residents and volunteers Nethanya and Ramila Fonseka, Kathi Pipenbrock and Jennifer Ott.

"These volunteers have been instrumental in bringing this garden to life and we are glad to have the support that they have provided to make our community a little greener," Drolet said.

Drolet encourages any Macomb Township residents interested in becoming involved in future gardening, art or landscaping projects to reach out to him at droletl@macomb-mi.gov or (586)992-0710 x 2262.

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