

2023 Grant Recipients

Case Barlow Farm – \$1,000 to build a 6X8 lean-to garden shed to place in the back garden so that gardeners will have access to the tools needed to maintain the garden even when the rest of the farm buildings may be locked.

East Woods Intermediate School (EWIS) – \$10,000 to develop a student designed botanical garden outside of Door K to include trees, shrubs and flowering plants. The school has applied to NASA to be recipients of a moon tree that would be a center focus of the area. In the event that EWIS does not receive the moon tree, a sycamore will be substituted.

Friends of Hudson Park-Hudson Spring Park – \$10,000 to complete an EPA approved aquatic herbicide treatment through multiple visits as well as manual removal of invasive species as needed. The goal is to create a more healthy, diverse habituate that is free of invasive species along the Hudson Spring Park Loop Trail.

Friends of Hudson Parks-Veterans Way Park – \$3,000 for the destruction/removal of the invasive phragmites and narrow leaved cattails.

Go Green Go- \$440 to fund RRCA membership, two litter pickers and garbage bags. Three Plogging events are scheduled for 2024 to pick up litter.

Hudson Library and Historical Society – \$1,500 to host landscape historian and horticulturalist Marta McDowell who will speak about her recently published book *Gardening Can be Murder: How Poisonous Poppies, Sinister Shovels and Grim Gardens Have Inspired Mystery Writers*.

McDowell Early Learning Center – \$4,837 to purchase and install a story walk angled aluminum frame to mount nature related books in the area that connects the sensory garden with the playground.

McDowell Early Learning Center – \$25,200 to prepare the Reinhardt Arboretum for its 50th Birthday in 2025. This proposal will create enhanced signage, create more accessible trails and general access for those with mobility issues. The goal is to revitalize the Reinhardt Arboretum so it becomes an improved classroom that is a safe nature space to learn and explore.

Seton Catholic School – \$700 to plant blueberries and raspberries shrubs to harvest and purchase indoor floor boxes for the Eco Club to use for experimentation. The flowering shrubs will provide habitat for pollinators and provide beautification.

Crown Point Ecology Center – \$5,000 to replace needed equipment, including replacement of some end walls, aging ventilation fans and clear plastic. For the purchase of more insect netting and row covers to deter pests.

Stan Hywet Hall and Garden – \$5,000 to assist in the development of the “Cultivation Connections” program which aims to increase understanding of horticulture and sustainable gardening practices, foster deeper appreciation for the natural world and importance of environmental stewardship, encourage active participation in gardening and enhance Stan Hywet’s reputation as a leading center for horticultural education and community engagement, To support the program by developing and implementing a curriculum, hire and train instructors, purchase supplies and equipment and market the program.

Summit Metro Parks Foundation – \$6,081 to purchase materials and equipment to create signage