



A Trail

for all seasons:

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Volunteers are the foundation of the Green Bay Trail's restoration. This year volunteers gave hundreds of hours at the Friends' Trail Work Days and trail events such as Green Bay Trail Day.

The Trail's restoration and stewardship needs vary seasonally and offer diverse volunteer opportunities year-round. Throughout the year invasive weeds and plants were removed to prevent their spread. Summer teams of student

volunteers watered immature plants and trees until roots were established. Volunteers restored pathways with wood chips and mulched trees. Others tended to the Trail's blooms and soil restoration to enhance the wildlife habitat. The butterfly hatchery was maintained by trained volunteers to ensure the successful development of monarch butterflies for release on the trail.

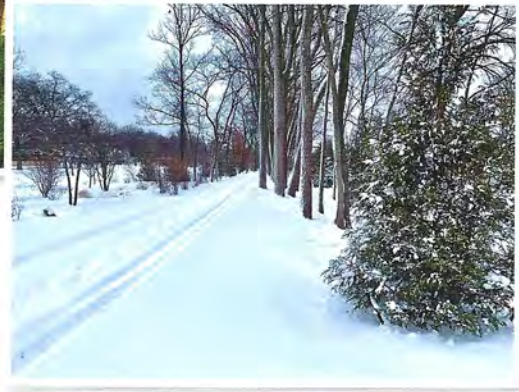


Native plant seeds were harvested to improve the Trail's plant diversity and density and saved for sorting and cleaning at September and October Seed Cleaning Days. These convivial events were described as the Friends' "Shake, Rattle and Roll" gatherings due to the methods used to release tens of thousands of seeds from the hundreds of collected dried seed heads.

A number of seed species require an extended hardening in cold temperatures in order to germinate next spring. These will be broadcast immediately following this winter's first snow fall. The remaining seeds will be dispersed along the trail next spring and summer. Annual seed collections provide substantial savings that allow funds to be used to purchase more native plants and support other trail stewardship needs.

Many thanks to our volunteers and supporters! It is only with their generous support and time commitment that the Trail has become a valuable recreational resource and now provides a supportive wildlife habitat.

Enjoy the Trail's seasonal beauty. It is a trail for all seasons.



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