

Friends of Waterford Park's Planting Season Culminates In "Open Park"

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The Friends of Waterford Park (FWP) hosted an "open park" on Sunday, September 16, to showcase its work for the 2007 planting season. Located in a flood plain, the park is bounded on the east by Route 15 (between the Rosemont Avenue and Route 40 exits) and on the west by Baughman's Lane. The park is comprised of two smaller parks: Rock Creek Park and Waterford Park. The park's goal, approved by the city, is to develop a tranquil setting where people can enjoy animal life and a diversity of plant species native to MD.

Through a grant from the MD Urban and Community Forest Committee, FWP planted a woods edge that included wildflowers, trees, and shrubs. Just off Baughman's Lane visitors can enjoy a butterfly garden made possible through a donation. In cooperation with the city and the DNR, FWP is experimenting with a meadow area that features perennials and native grass.

Nineteen nursery-sized trees were donated to the park and will eventually provide shade along the park's macadam path. These trees have plaques identifying the species and the donor.

In addition, the MD Department of Natural Resources has administered extensive spraying of invasive species to allow the "good guys" to have a chance.

The development of the park has benefited from the support of volunteers, including scout troops, and cooperation from the city of Frederick's Department of Parks and Recreation. With the park's efforts to keep invasive species under control and maintain its diverse plantings, FWP always welcomes additional help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ginny Brace, president of FWP, at ginny4FTP@aol.com or 240.353.7303.