



OUR JOURNEY TO TRANSFORMATION....

When Go Green Galloway went looking for a project to write a grant for , we took a close look at the Galloway public park, VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, formerly known as GLENN BY THE BAY.

This park was a hidden gem, used once as the Galloway Summer Camp and now known for its beautiful Veterans Memorial and home to rugby, football, softball and cricket fields.

While outstandingly beautiful as a natural area, a closer look revealed that many of the specimen and native trees were damaged or killed by many invasive vines ; including Asian bittersweet, Chinese wisteria and Japanese honeysuckle. Additionally, there were many invasive non-native trees and shrubs that were dominating the landscape and out-competing the native species.

Go Green Galloway members, along with volunteers from the community, the Absecon Green Team and students from Stockton’s environmental organizations began the long process of cutting the vines and removing tons and tons of invasive trees, shrubs and roots.

We concentrated on a 1+ acre of woods adjacent to the house– a prominent area that served as an example showing what clearing out invasives plants and replacing them with native species looks like in such a forested area.

To further the transformation, we applied for and received three grants: One from Sustainable Jersey to build a *Welcome to Glenn By the Bay* pavilion with benches and informational signage, a Xerces plant package award to create a pollinator garden of native species plants, and a NRCS/USDA grant that gave us funding to complete a second pollinator garden filled with native shrubs, warm season grasses and more herbaceous plants



XERCES GARDEN: WHITE BEARDTONGUE

At this time, both gardens are thriving and the 1+acre forested site now has an almost complete winding path through “Annie’s Woods” that will lead wanderers to the back part of the property that goes out to Reed’s Bay.

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A STORY OF TRANSFORMATION....

XERCES POLLINATOR GARDEN 1

Summer, 2022

We marked out the garden and covered the area with cardboard and branches to kill the grass without chemicals.



Spring/Summer, 2023

Final site prep and planting parties ; planting 550 native pollinator plant plugs in mid-July.



Spring/Summer, 2024:

Overwhelming success!
Purple Coneflowers and Lanceleaf Coreopsis

NRCS / USDA POLLINATOR GARDEN 2

Fall, 2022

Garden 2 is designed and we once again used cardboard (with pallets) to smother the grass.



Summer, 2023

Final site prep with the help of many volunteers. Planting of shrubs, grasses and perennials took place the end of September.



Less than 1 year after planting: Monarda punctata/ Spotted Mint

ANNIE'S WOODS TRANSFORMATION

2021

1+ acre wooded area is covered with invasive vines that were choking trees and invasive shrubs that were out-competing the native plants



2021-2024

Thanks to over 150 volunteers, 60+ tons of invasive waste were removed from this parcel



Spring, 2024

Go Green Galloway volunteers uncover a unique root with a striking resemblance to a swan!

Spring, 2024 (Below)

Annie's Woods clearing progresses and a winding path begins to emerge.

