

Final Report - 2022 Inaugural Sandra M. Joyce Award - GCFM Grant
 Groton Garden Club - 100 Native Plantings For 100 Years
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The Groton Garden Club (GGC) received the inaugural Sandra M. Joyce Award from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts in September 2022. This \$1,000 grant helped fund the project titled Growing 100 Native Plantings for 100 Years. The Groton Garden Club celebrated its 100 year anniversary in 2023 and the “100 for 100” project defines our club’s goal of civic beautification. This project honors our club while improving the community and enhancing the Town of Groton’s municipal gardens by adding native plantings at all ten visible public areas maintained by the GGC.

This club wide project included all municipal garden committees. Members did research on appropriate plantings for their garden and submitted a plant list for sourcing. The GGC purchased most plants at wholesale prices, making our grant and club funds go further. In addition, we worked with the Friends of the Tree Warden to plant 2 native trees. Our town highway department planted these trees at no cost, saving additional money. The plan to plant 100 native trees, shrubs, and plants within 10 currently maintained gardens was a great success.

The native plants were installed in May and June 2023. Maintenance continued throughout the summer. Watering schedules were set up for each garden and the new trees to insure the plants survived the ups and downs of the summer weather. This project was a learning experience, as we determined some plants needed to be relocated from one garden to another with more favorable conditions. The new plantings will be maintained as part of the ongoing care of these municipal gardens.

We also distributed over 200 free seed packets at the annual fall town festival to encourage people to learn more about native plants and create their own native plant garden. The packets included a description of the flowers and instructions for planting.

This special project brought our club together as part of our 100th Anniversary celebration and increased the community’s awareness about the importance of native plantings. The Groton Garden Club wishes to thank the GCFM and acknowledge the hard work of Leslie Frost and her committee to review all applications and award our club with the inaugural Sandra Joyce Grant. We invite the Grant Committee to tour our municipal gardens and view the results of our project. A financial summary and photos from various stages of the project are included here.

Financial Summary

PROJECT REVENUE	
Groton Garden Club	\$ 1,500.00
Friends of the Tree Warden	\$ 175.00
Sandra M. Joyce Grant	\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 2,675.00
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	
Native Plants/Shrubs - Cavicchio Greenhouses	\$ 366.31
Native Plants/Shrubs - Van Berkum Nursery	\$ 636.52
Native Trees - 1 Memorial, 1 municipal garden	\$ 370.00
Native Plants - other sources	\$ 242.70
Native Plant Seeds + Envelopes	\$ 171.23
Botanical labels and stands	\$ 315.30
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,102.06
Balance for replacement plants and additional seeds	\$ 572.94

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