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Dear NC Native Plant Society,

I am writing to fulfill our obligation to submit a grant report for the B.W. Wells Stewardship Grant we received from the North Carolina Native Plant Society in 2021. Your generous support has played a pivotal role in the success of our garden installation, and we are thrilled to share our progress with you. Thanks to your grant, we were able to plant over 20 species of native perennials, grasses, and shrubs, creating a vibrant and ecologically diverse garden space. We also invested in a native seed mix from Ernst Conservation Seed to establish vegetation on the hillside in front and below the garden. The once barren parcel of land has now transformed into a thriving habitat for wildlife and a recreational area for the public.

The garden's strategic location near the community senior center and fitness studio allows visitors to enjoy the scenic beauty and observe the abundance of wildlife it attracts. We have received countless positive comments from the public who frequent these locations about the garden's contribution to enhancing their experience.

Maintenance of the garden has been a collaborative effort. Staff and volunteers, particularly the participation of our teen youth, dedicate approximately 2 hours per week to ensure its upkeep. Emphasizing environmentally friendly practices, we refrain from using pesticides, opting for manual weeding of beds once a week. During the growing season, the trail is regularly tilled and raked to eliminate unwanted grass and weeds. When crowding occurs, we transplant volunteers to other areas on the property.

Our commitment to improving the garden continues, and we have several ongoing and future projects in the works. Presently, we are working on creating a pond with a waterfall, installing a seating bench, and improving the walkway. We also plan to add plant identification signs to enrich the educational experience for visitors. Future plans include the construction of a workbench and mini-greenhouse. Looking ahead, we have exciting events lined up. This fall, we are organizing a bioblitz to actively identify and record the wildlife that frequents the garden. Additionally, we will be partnering with the senior center for a weekly bird watching group during the fall, winter, and a summer camp will use the garden space starting in 2024.

Once again, we extend our gratitude for your support. The garden has been an overwhelming success, and we are committed to sustaining and expanding its impact on our community and local wildlife. Enclosed in this email are several photos of the garden installation and some of the dedicated individuals who worked passionately on this project. Thank you for being a crucial part of this project and we look forward to sharing additional updates in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Christopher Horrigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Christopher Horrigan,  
Recreation Director, City of Creedmoor





