



District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Joliet

Project Title: Making Joliet Beautiful

☐ Progress Report ☒ Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries? We worked with the National Hook-Up of Black Women, a local organization which carries out the national mission locally by creating an atmosphere which enables women to effect meaningful changes. NHBW, Inc. works to improve the quality of life, facilitate family preservation, achieve self-empowerment, and promote economic development. Membership reflects a diversity of women from varied business, professional, and community disciplines crossing all economic, social and educational levels.

Through a grant from the Will County Land Use Department in 2021, a community garden where users of the food pantry at the Joliet Chapter of the National Hookup of Black Women, Inc can get fresh produce grown right there on site. It was then decided to further enhance the project by surrounding the garden with plants that would attract pollinators, which would in turn pollinate the food plants.

Joliet Rotarians helped weed and plant about 170 plants and four serviceberry shrubs around the community garden's border. A variety of native plants attract butterflies and other pollinators to the garden, which is maintained by the National Hookup of Black Women, Joliet Chapter to provide fresh, healthy, locally grown food for their food pantry patrons.

The Rotary Club of Joliet worked this year to purchase supplies, prepare the garden beds and start some initial planting and watering.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 23 Rotarians participated in this project providing a total of 46 hours of work.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. The Rotarians pulled weeds from the 20 beds and 3 barrels, added fresh dirt and prepared the beds for planting. We also prepared the areas where the Serviceberry shrubs will be planted. We had extra time so we started to plant some of the plants they had ready and some that Rotarians had brought and did some watering.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? There are 20 beds, 5' x3' and 3 barrels which were 3' tall. I am not educated enough to know how much produce that will produce and how many people that will feed. The serviceberry shrubs and native plants which attract butterflies and other pollinators are very good for our environment, I don't know how to measure that.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? Feeding people in Joliet and helping our environment with pollinators.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? The National Hook-Up of Black Women will sustain the garden.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$500
2. Club contribution	\$500
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. Misc garden supplies (Menards)	\$163.08
2. Garden Bags (Target)	\$13.99
3. Serviceberry shrubs (Sam's Club)	\$91.92
4. Vegetables (Menards)	\$17.83
5. Misc. garden supplies (Menards)	\$226.16
6. Hose (Ace Hardware)	\$20.65

7. Plants (Eastside Greenhouse)	\$159.99
8. Mulch (All Things Trees)	\$225.00
9. Shrub plant (Menards)	\$104.33
Total	\$1022.95
	(22.95)
Total Project Expenditures	\$1,000

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Mary K Sheehan

Date: 6/1/23

Print name, Rotary title, and club

MARY K SHEEHAN
PRESIDENT

Rotary Club of Joliet