



County joins Conservation District to plant cost-effective landscaping

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A joint agreement to demonstrate landscaping practices that reduce costs and improve the appearance of parks and beautification corridors was celebrated by York County and the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) in July.

Wildflowers were planted in several locations in York County by CSWCD to demonstrate that wildflowers can increase the ability of soil to filter pollutants from rain and runoff, boost the amount of water that seeps through soil to recharge water supplies, and decrease the cost of mowing maintenance.

CSWCD hopes that the wildflower demonstration areas at the intersection of Rt. 143 and the Busch Flyover, the intersection of Rt. 199 and Rochambeau Road, at the York County Sports Complex, and at New Quarter Park will encourage citizens and business owners to use landscaping practices that foster water quality improvement and preserve water resources in York County and throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In the attached picture, Brian Noyes, conservation specialist with CSWCD, Joanne Chapman, York County landscape superintendent (center) and Molly Nealer, recreation supervisor with York County Parks and Recreation (right) gather around an interpretative sign at New Quarter Park that includes information about planting practices that help the environment, provide natural beauty to open areas, and cost less to maintain since they are drought resistant, require little fertilizer and can be an alternative to grasses that need frequent mowing. The sign explains that the wildflowers are doing much more than just looking pretty and that landscape designed to help the environment can also save money. Additional interpretative signs can be found at the York County Sports Field Complex.



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