

Master Gardener Project Annual Report

Name of Project:

Historic Coralville Schoolhouse Gardens

Name of Project Chairs(s):

Cindy Parsons

Number of Master Gardeners involved/impacted with project:

Provide brief statement of what this involvement/impact was.

Involved #

Probably 60 total MG visits

Impacted #

unknown

Summary of project activities conducted throughout the year and results of the project: (include any data of successes of the project).

Most of the year was spent battling Canadian thistle. We met nearly weekly and usually had 4 or 5 Master Gardeners show up. Several would go on their own during the week to work at more convenient times.

Statement of what you would consider the greatest success of this project:

Getting the thistles somewhat under control, and having the gardens look presentable



What needs are there to help this project continue? What changes would you like to make for the future?

We need a new chair for this project; due to work constraints and family matters (an aging mom who requires more care due to increasing dementia) I am just not able to continue overseeing this project. It is also a little frustrating as this site (schoolhouse itself) is not regularly open to the public, so visits to the site seem to be rare. Sue Dvorsky takes care of the Coralville Town Hall plantings just across 5th street and she lives nearby, so if we are not able to find another Master Gardener to head up this project, possibly she and her group, or the Johnson County Historical Society, or even the City of Coralville, could take over maintenance of the site. I would continue to work there as time allows, but just cannot head it up.