

ROTARY WATERFRONT PARK ANNUAL REPORT 2013

This year we were able to complete several projects with more volunteers and increased cooperation from the city of Jefferson. We planted several new shrubs and more perennials. We added top soil and compost to existing beds and then mulched to keep the weeds in check. In spring, hundreds of annuals were planted with funding from the Rotary (approx. \$300). The city provided the top soil, compost and mulch.

There were nine master gardeners that helped this summer: Bobbi Rue, Sue Strobush, Paulette Timm, Ann Sawvell, Sharon Schweitzer, Mike Hotter, Ron Langelier, Sue Wilde, and project leader Judy Foskett. A total of 261 hours was logged by the master gardeners. There were six non master gardeners who also helped logging about 140 additional hours.

We received many positive comments about the park and the beautiful flowers. Next year we are planning to revamp the north end of the park where utility work was done and some plantings disrupted in the process.. Our efforts were also aided by the addition of a water source on the north end of the park so we no longer have to carry water to that area. We are also exploring the idea of a partnership with the high school agricultural department to grow the annuals for the park in its greenhouse for next season.