



The FairWays Foundation

SMALL PROJECT

Project

Wildflower Patches – Heritage Oaks Golf Course, City of Harrisonburg, USA

Applicant

Charlie Fultz, Golf Course General Manager/Supt. Heritage Oaks Golf Course

Budget

\$4,000.00



CASE STUDY

PROJECT TIMELINE

1. We knew we had to move some dirt and re-shape the two areas we were going to plant so we used a small tractor with shaper blade on the back of it to prep the areas. We also brought some dirt in to smooth one of the areas that had some holes and old tree stumps in it.
2. We spent most of one day shaping the areas and moving the brought in dirt to provide a good surface to seed.
3. We broadcast the wildflower seed mix with a spreader and making sure we had good coverage with the seed.
4. Lastly, we brought in the mulch we had a covered the seed with the mulch to help hold water and help the seed germinate. It also gave the areas a little bit of a cleaner look until the seed started to pop.

PROJECT OUTLINE

The City of Harrisonburg has taken a very forward approach to provide pollinator beds around the city and promoting bee health.

As a golf course that prides itself on being environmentally friendly, we understand the issues facing the bee population and wanted to add wildflower beds to promote the bees.

With that in mind we have several out of play areas on the golf course that were rough and not taken care of which led us to believe we could turn those areas in wildflower plots.

They would also allow us to add some color and flash to those areas that were otherwise eye sores. The project came together and we accomplished the goals we laid out for the project.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT

We figured out approximately how much seed we would need to seed the areas we planned to changeover. We knew we had the equipment to tear up the areas, prep the areas and get them ready for seed and we had mulch on site to cover the seed so we knew our out of pocket expenses would be limited to just the seed needed.

LEARNINGS

There is really nothing I'd change. If anything I would have asked for more grant money to do a few more areas on the golf course. We will be submitting another grant in 2023 to continue to take turf areas out of play and making those pollinator beds.

OUTCOMES

- Site beautification
- Positive comments from golfers on the appearance and environmental impact
- Visible increased numbers of pollinators