



The entrance to the Lambertville Library with new plantings.

Volunteers and benefactors create a sustainable garden

The Lambertville Library grounds recently have been a "beehive" of activity.

Witness the many community volunteers, rows and mounds of mulch and topsoil, wheelbarrows, spades and gloves. Volunteers planted 199 plants, 136 of which were donated by local nurseries.

The results are now apparent.

"We now have a graceful visual welcome to all who come to the Library to learn something new. It is our community recognition of

the place for "beauty" in the everyday of our lives. This is a testimony of how much our community values the quality of life available here," said Abraham Leibson, president of Friends of the Lambertville Library.

Designed as a sustainable garden of native plants, plantings wrap around the entire building. Native plants were used because they require less watering, thrive in the climate and provide food and habitat for bees and birds.

A bike rack will be added to encourage a low energy footprint for library patrons.

The library is indebted to the many contributors and volunteers. The major contributors include: Hidden Valley Nursery, Homestead Farm Market, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, Margaret Bledsoe, Bucks County Gardens, Munds Nursery, Sweet Valley Landscape Supply, Rhizocher & Peter Nakasian, Pasha Rugs, Julia Taylor (organizer of the planting), Mike Cheney (landscape designer), Sara Scully and Lauren Johnson (donation soliciting), Pure Energy Cycling, and the project sponsors, board members of the Friends of the Lambertville Library.