



Menard County Trails & Greenways Annual Report FY 2020



Historic Hawthorn Tree

at Wayside severely damaged in early June 2019.



Volunteers Pitch In

throughout the fall of 2019 and the spring of 2020 to stabilize the tree, erect a bollard barrier, and apply mulch.



Interpretive Sign, donated by TreesForever installed Spring 2020



Projects & Events

FY 20 was a busy time for MCTG members

On the final day of June 2019 several volunteers helped out with trail maintenance at New Salem.

In September we set up a booth at the annual Petersburg Harvest Fest, where we connected with old friends and met new friends.

In October we held the annual MCTG Fall Float on the Sangamon River, followed by a weenie roast and campfire at the Sangamon Picnic Area at New Salem.



When it's safe to socialize again we'll be holding an event at Wayside to Celebrate the historic hawthorn and new sign and Pollinator Waystation. Stay tuned!



Several Adopt-a-Highway clean ups were conducted throughout 2019 and into 2020. As you can see from the photo many people have not gotten the message about litter!

In September 2019 MCTG received a generous donation from Menard Electric Cooperative and Co-Bank for the installation of a Pollinator Waystation at Wayside. The planting area around the Council Circle was prepped and planted this summer. Volunteers have been keeping the new plantings watered.

Earth Day 2020 several members held their own private (Covid-safe) Earth Day Celebrations—picking up litter along the Sangamon River and in Hurie Park, installing bluebird feeders, planting pollinator plant seeds, and drawing the Earth with chalk!

FY 21 Dues are due in July. Send check (\$10 individual; \$20 family) to:
MCTG, PO Box 221, Petersburg, IL 62675

Other FY 20 Accomplishments

- ◆ Had brochures printed (compliments of Chris Rudin, Rudin Printing)
- ◆ Made and distributed native seed packets from seed grown on Petersburg Square
- ◆ Built a website: <http://menardcountytrailsandgreenways.org/>
- ◆ Bylaws were revised (to be voted on July 2020)
- ◆ Reinstated our IRS and IL Attorney General non-profit status
- ◆ Prepared a volunteer work plan at New Salem and submitted it to the IDNR
- ◆ Renewed our membership in the American Canoe Association
- ◆ Joined the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Created a Tagline: *Ways to Discovery!*