



NCEMGVA 2022 Inspire Connect Empower Project Grant Recipient

McDowell County: Submitted by J. Zimmerman and K. Hillman

Project Title: Joseph McDowell Greenway Amphitheater Improved Landscaping

Category: Startup **Funding:** \$500

Description: Joseph McDowell Greenway Amphitheater Improved Landscaping project is a collaborative effort combining the efforts of private businesses, nonprofits, and local government to create a demonstration garden along a highly used greenway path. The Greenway is a part of the new Fonta Flora State Trail, linking Morganton to Asheville along the Catawba River.

This project is to plan more natives, work with the City of Marion to add fencing and mulch to prevent erosion, create a dry creek bed with local stone which was donated. The project also includes adding moss and fairy gardens for children to enjoy. Children will be included in this endeavor, working with youth groups like 4H. We will label the trees and plants and add benches and commissioned art work to make this educational for the public.