

Scout Troop 961 for all their efforts to enhance the trail and be good stewards of the 10-acre habitat so all can use it for environmental education and recreation. Ms. Marasco made a surprise award and dedication to Amie Ware in honor of her commitment and efforts to establish and enhance the pollinator meadow at the Chapman DeMary Trail by proclaiming the natural habitat on the Chapman DeMary Trail as the Amie Ware Pollinator Meadow. This award was made in partnership with The Nature Generation, Loudoun Valley High School, the Piedmont Environmental Council, and the Town of Purcellville. The final presentation was made by Tim Sargeant with Dominion Energy. The Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation granted \$25,000 to The Nature Generation for a special project at the trail to help improve access to the habitat.

After the presentations, Mayor Fraser invited kids to help plant three trees at the trail. Mayor Fraser planted a maple tree while Vice Mayor Ogelman and Council Members Cool and Bledsoe enlisted the help of others to plant a second maple and a swamp white oak from Purcellville Southern States. Another planting was held in the pollinator meadow later in the day, led by The Nature Generation.

Thank you to the organizations and groups that helped make Hail to the Trail a success, including: Audubon Naturalist Society, Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, Boy Scout Troop 163, Boy Scout Troop 961, Catoclin Scenic River Committee, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1420 and Cadette Troop 6287, Girl Scout Service Unit 70-6, Girl Scout Troop 70-17, Girl Scout Troop 70003, Keep Loudoun Beautiful, Loudoun County Tree Stewards, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, Loudoun Valley High School, The Nature Generation, Purcellville Arts Council, Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Purcellville Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee, Sengpiehl Insurance Group, the Virginia Department of Forestry, Wildlife Ambassadors, and singer Willie White.

The Chapman DeMary Trail is managed through a partnership among the Town of Purcellville, The Nature Generation, the Piedmont Environmental Council, and Loudoun Valley High School. Hail to the Trail—Purcellville's Green Expo, is hosted by the Purcellville Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee. See photos of the event on the Hail to the Trail Facebook page and learn more about the trail on the Chapman DeMary Trail Facebook page.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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