



Shepherdstown Middle

7th Graders Plant Native for Pollinators and Pollution Prevention

One hundred eight 7th grade students at Shepherdstown Middle School participated in the PHLOW Grow a Garden program this spring. This was the second time Cacapon Institute worked with lead teachers to improve Shepherdstown's campus. This spring students replanted a native rain garden to beautify the courtyard.

students to watersheds, stormwater pollution, and the role that rain gardens play in healthier streams and productive pollinators. Students investigated the role of native plants as habitat for bees and butterflies along with the ability of rain gardens to

Groups of students assisted with planting, weeding, and mulching the area and will continue to care for the plants over the seasons.



Cacapon Institute led students in four one-hour classroom education lessons to introduce



protect our streams.

Students assisted in the planting of over one hundred native flowers and shrubs in their rain garden that we obtained from Environmental Concern Nursery.



The Grow a Garden program informs students of the critical importance of having native gardens in our communities to reduce the amount of pollution entering our streams and create habitat for native pollinators.