

National Public Lands Day



Volunteers plant supplemental pollinator perennials at NSA Hampton Roads, Portsmouth Annex during their 2015 NPLD event. Photo credit: Linda Hicks

NSA Portsmouth Annex NPLD

- 20 volunteers
- 275 native shrubs and perennials
- Over 80 volunteer hours

NSA Hampton Roads, Portsmouth Annex Pollinator Garden

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. NPLD began in 1994 with just three sites and 700 volunteers. It was a huge success and became a yearly tradition. In 1999 DoD Legacy Resource Management Program joined the partnership to support volunteer projects on military installations. Legacy has provided awards for NPLD events over the past 15 years. Through the competitive award process NSA Hampton Roads, Portsmouth Annex has been a recipient of the DoD Legacy Award since 2014. The award sponsored their most recent event for rehabilitation of the Pollinator Garden.

NSA Hampton Roads, Portsmouth Annex kicked off this year's NPLD event activities on 29 October 2015. Navy sailors and civilians volunteered to perform necessary repairs to the garden's arbor, weeding and preparing the site for planting. On 24 November volunteers completed planting of approximately 275 various native shrubs, and perennials to rejuvenate the garden. As a recipient

of the DoD Legacy Award in 2014, NSA Portsmouth Annex created the Pollinator Garden to attract butterflies and other pollinator species.



This year's NPLD event had a total of 20 volunteers who worked over the period between 29 October and 24 November putting in over 80 hours to accomplish this year's event.

Any projects in support of Public Lands Day can be submitted as OSD Legacy projects. Legacy proposal submissions will be tentatively open in late spring, so get your thinking caps on and stay informed through

<http://www.publiclandsday.org/>.

*"...We have not
inherited the land
from our fathers; we
have borrowed it
from our children..."*

*Dennis J. Hall
Office of Land Use*



Sailor volunteered to weed the garden in preparation for planting. Photo credit: Linda Hicks