



# 2025 Annual Report

## Conservation & Sustainability in our own Community—Westfield, IN

WGT works to restore habitat in parks and public spaces, educate the community about the benefits of native species, and create and help maintain vegetable gardens for the benefit of local schools and the wider community.



Ongoing development of **Osborne Park** with invasives removal and native tree plantings.  
Continued invasive removal at **Asa Bales Park**.

Continued invasive species removal and native species planting (41 plants, 128 trees and shrubs) at **Raymond Worth Park** (WGT became Park Stewards in 2024).



Maintained **The (community) Sharing Garden** with volunteers and provided produce to Open Doors of Westfield food pantry. Assisted **Monon Trail ES** and **Washington Woods ES** with gardens tended by students/ Shamrock Connections.

**1,247 Volunteer Hours**  
**51 Volunteers**  
**12 Different Worksites**  
**\$43,383 Value to the City of Westfield**  
**Donations: \$6,203.24**  
**Expenses: \$4,229.74**

President: Shelly Brown  
Vice President: Lisa Birkbeck  
Secretary: Monica Cannaley  
Treasurer: Pam Terbush  
Members: Sarah Gillim, Julia Grimmer, Bobby Kimball, Jodi Lewis, Susie Tatum



## 130 Native Trees planted at the **Grand Park Soccer Fields.**



Community education by sharing our personal work: Board Member Bobby Kimball opened her yard to show what homeowners can do—both front of yard (HOA-ruled) and back of yard. We also provided Garden Tours at **The Sharing Garden** behind The Wandering Peacock on Jersey Street.



### Handed out 130 Native Trees at **Westfield Green Day.**

Planted over 200 Native Plants at the **Monon Trail Head at Greyhound Pass.**  
Handed out Native Plants, Recruited for Volunteers, and Provided Information at **Westfield Pride.**



### Volunteer Hours

<b>Education</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Community Gardening</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>Invasive Removal</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>Planting Natives</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>1,247</b>

**Overview:** Westfield Green Together (WGT) formed in 2017 to unite the community around environmental action, initially focused on native plants and trees, education, and sustainability. Partnering with the City of Westfield and Hamilton Invasives Partnership, WGT expanded its mission in 2020 to include invasive species removal and restoring native species in our parks to strengthen local ecosystems. Building on this momentum, WGT broadened its impact in 2022 by launching community gardening initiatives, with Westfield schools, to engage students and families in hands-on environmental stewardship. We also created **The Sharing Garden**, a community garden fostering connection, learning, and food access.

**Vision:** We envision parks and public spaces where healthy ecosystems and healthy communities grow together. Working with our neighbors removing invasive plant species and restoring native plant species, we create resilient landscapes supporting wildlife and people. Through hands-on learning by native gardening, sustainable living, and environmental stewardship, we foster community/connection, shared responsibility, and a deeper sense of caring for the places we call home.

*In 2025 we welcomed more volunteers, received more donations, and logged the most volunteer hours in our history—a powerful testament to the growing commitment of our community. We are incredibly grateful to our members, volunteers, and partners whose support and dedication made this extraordinary year possible.*