

Over the past year, Lullwater Garden Club has been working on several projects in the Conservation Garden. From tree plantings to bridge building, much work has been done.

One of our first area of focus has been trees. We had to remove some dead trees for safety. We have lost big branches off of trees as well. The clean up will continue to be an ongoing project. However to combat the loss of trees, we have had some wonderful plantings of trees along Lullwater Road. Not only will the trees keep the forest going but the location of these trees has been to help with erosion. It will be lovely to see the new Dogwoods bloom in this spring!

The erosion along Lullwater Road comes from cars and trucks parking along the street coupled with the massive amount of rain we get here in Atlanta. The trees and native plantings, along with the rocks, has drastically decreased the ruts from cars and trucks parking on the soft dirt along the street. This project will help slow erosion.

Towards the end of 2023 we started a letter campaign to raise funds for continued work with one of our biggest projects the club has undertaken. This is to address erosion control along the river bank. Anyone who has spent time in the garden can tell how the force of water has eroded the banks and taken soil and rocks downstream leaving trees with some bare roots. Years ago hundreds of ferns were planted along the river bank and it's clear this has been very successful as they have thrived as they took root and continue to hold the bank. Now we must do some restorative work to help our part of the creek, restoring some land under trees, securing the earth where culverts drain large amounts of water into our creek and securing even more of the bank with native plants. It will be exciting to see this project take shape and has a wonderful impact on the creek downstream.

We will continue to work on maintaining the health of our trees, eradicating invasive species and planting more native plants to ensure the health of the Conservation Garden for immediate enjoyment and future generations!