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The Grant Committee
Lake County Master Gardeners Association
2293 North Main Street
Crown Point, IN 46307-1854

June 25, 2018

Subject: 2018 Grant Award Final Progress Report

Dear Grant Committee,

Enclosed please find our progress report. We are pleased to inform you that RainMaker Irrigation, Inc. (Highland) completed installation of a five-zone sprinkler system that waters the following garden areas called Century Gardens: Zone 1 Trefoil Garden, Zone 2 museum gardens along the north corner and east side, Zone 3 Victory Garden and museum entry, Zone 4 Arbor Garden, and Zone 5 Bridge & Secret Stairway. One of our members who is a longtime customer of RainMaker negotiated a discounted price that included two additional zones from the original quote of 3 zones, and she also supervised the two-day project in cooperation with Munster Parks personnel. May 22 was the project start date and it was completed on May 29, 2018 (paid invoice enclosed).

Additionally, receipts are enclosed from Zandstra Farms' Highland Greenhouse where we purchased flower flats, herbs, vegetables, potted urns, and perennials at a discounted price arranged by one of our Master Gardener members who has been volunteering at the greenhouse. Another receipt is for native plants purchased at the Gibson Woods plant sale. We received a donation of flats of annual flowers and help from Girl Scout Troop 10102. They planted the annuals in the Girl Scout Trefoil Garden, created a butterfly garden, and painted six birdhouses. Munster Parks donated four yards of premium mulch. Our volunteers worked hard to weed, plant, prune, and mulch. Nicole and Colette Jen did extensive work on Nicole's 2017 Arbor/Bridge garden and they added a wishing well then enhanced it with additional annual, perennial, and native plants and solar lighting. With the help of Munster Parks' Maintenance Staff, we replaced the old broken, unsightly post and bird house with a new "Kaske House" replica. They also installed the informative, park-friendly "Century Gardens" sign that we purchased.

Our Press Release to The Times newspaper is enclosed. We also submitted it online to The Times Community Calendar. We listed the Lake County Master Gardeners Association as a sponsor of this project, displayed during the Garden Walk. We also enclosed the Munster Garden Walk flyer and the description of our gardens that the Munster Garden Club included in its garden walk ticket. Over 200 people enjoyed the Heritage Park gardens during the Munster Garden Walk. A professional photographer also took photos at the event and even a deer made a brief appearance to get a drink of water from the granite bird bath! Some of the garden walkers came back to the park, bringing their friends and family to see our gardens during the well-attended June 24 summer concert. We received numerous positive compliments for Century Gardens and the Munster History Museum.

The Munster Historical Society is very thankful that, with the help of your 2018 Grant, our project was not only completed in a timely manner but exceeded even our own expectations! We hope you will come to see and enjoy Century Gardens at Heritage Park - "A step back in time in the heart of town". Thank you again for your support.

With sincere appreciation,

Carole L. Cornelison
President
Munster Historical Society

Enclosure (Table of Exhibits)

cc: File, MHS Board Members, Munster Parks & Recreation