

Native Grass Returns to Williamsburg

The native grass restoration along the Williamsburg Street West segment of the greenway route is now in the hands of Mother Nature. Six native grasses were planted the weekend of October 23-25 on the 1-acre site.

Each grass variety was mixed with wild Virginia Rye and a quickly germinating grain rye intended to sprout this fall and while the other seeds are dormant through the winter.

The six varieties are little blue stem, big blue stem, Indian grass, purple top, switch grass and bottlebrush grass for the shady areas.

The grasses were selected for their habitat and food value for birds. They will range in height from 3 to 6 feet and will take 3 years to become fully established.

On Friday, the GreenTeam from The Horticultural Society of New York got things started. Brooklyn Greenway Initiative volunteers finished off the work on Sunday.



