The Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee (GWHC) works with Pinehurst Parks and Recreation to protect habitats for wildlife in public areas including the Pinehurst Greenway Trail. Our efforts encompass:

- Encouraging minimal use of fertilizers and other chemicals that can adversely affect the groundwater.
- Offering education on using drought resistant plants in landscape planning.
- Recommending plants that require less water and listing nursery sources.
- Discouraging or preventing the introduction of invasive species.
- Educating and informing residents about the wildlife in Pinehurst.
- Providing information on protecting the Longleaf Pine ecosystem.

The GWHC has designed, written, and posted two types of signs along the greenway trail to inform the public. There are signs identifying plants as well as signs describing various areas and wildlife you may see along the trail.

- Invasive Plant Species'
- Invasive Plants What Can You Do?
- Mammals of the Sandhills
- Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sandhills
- Wiregrass
- Butterflies of the Sandhills
- Birds of the Sandhills
- The Greenway Trail (Introduction to the Greenway)
- Sandhills Seep
- Sandhills Ecosystem



# Workshops

To date twenty-one workshops on various topics ranging from backyard habitats, xeriscaping, invasive plants, native plants for landscapes, butterflies, bluebirds, garden pests, and hummingbirds. These were held at Pinehurst Village Hall. GWHC co-sponsored a workshop given by Dr. Doug Tallamy at the Pinehurst fair barn.

## **Participate in Community Events**

- Holly Arts Festival
- Green Summit
- Builders Home and Garden Show
- St. Patrick's Day Parade



# Sponsor Trail Walks

• Pollinator Adventure Day and Trail Walk



# Pollinator Habitat Garden by First Health Fitness Center





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Area Across From Pollinator Habitat Garden



Pollinator Garden and Chimney Swift Nesting Tower at Rassie Wicker Park



Spring 2018

#### **Nature Day Camp**



# Work with boy scouts getting Eagle Scout certifications

#### Six Greenway Trail Entrance Gardens with Signs

#### Maintain and Monitor Song Bird Trail

- Monitor 22 song bird & 6 Brown-headed nuthatch houses
- Send fledging data to Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- Sell songbird and nuthatch houses

#### Sandhills Native Plantings along the Greenway

GWHC plants Sandhills native species along the greenway trail to familiarize observers with our natives and demonstrate the advisability of using native plants in landscapes.

# Collaborate with Village Departments, Schools, Moore County Agricultural Extension, Community Organizations, and Businesses

#### **Articles and Publicity**

Members have written over twenty articles published in *The Pilot* and *The Village Newsletter*.

The Village website link to the Greenway Wildlife Habitat Committee contains links to informative documents on how people may contribute to protecting the ecosystem.

Brochures and handouts are available through GWHC workshops and public events. The group maintains a portfolio of brochures from a variety of sources that address topics pertaining to the GWHC mission.