



Everything Green!
Bradley Hills Village

Who Is Bradley Hills Village?

- BHV is an intergenerational village
- BHV has more than 70 members
- In 2024 BHV will celebrate its 10th anniversary
- BHV is located in Bethesda near Suburban Hospital



It Took A Village To Grow This Project-

Thank you to the leaders!

Triangle Garden

- Caryn and Bob Musil
- Ginny Ingram-Wells
- Pamela Jensen

Garden Events

- Gail Douglas
- Maggie Dittemore
- Bill Primosch
- Phil Hugill

Environmental Interest Group

- Melissa Crown
- Bill Primosch

Walking Group

- Claire Munter

Book Group

- Caryn McTighe Musil
- Dominie Nash

And many other committed BHV
members

*This project is inspired by and in
memory of Eva Cohen*

The Idea

In 2022 BHV grew the “Everything Green Project” that used the out-of-doors and nature as an organizing theme

Activities organically developed that helped to:

- Increase member engagement
- Attract new members
- Reduce social isolation
- Bring BHV neighbors and members together to care for the neighborhood and community.

What Members Did

- Organized a group to care for a neighborhood garden, replanted with native plants
- Launched an environmental interest group
- Planned walks, neighborhood garden tours, and outdoor events
- BHV Book group read books about nature

What Was Achieved?

- BHV's leadership supported the ***Everything Green*** project by creating virtual spaces for groups to convene, a reputation for offering welcoming and educational programs, and providing some modest organizational support to the groups. In addition, many of the activities have been grassroots community-based initiatives that have had strong volunteer leadership and reflect interests of village members.
- Taken together these activities provide support to Village members and neighbors who want to be good community stewards and live in a neighborhood that supports aging in place.

What's Next? Building A Village of Engaged Members

- The activities helped reunite members and reminded members how much they can learn from one another.
- We estimate that ten members joined or renewed lapsed membership because of these events.
- Five new leaders emerged from designing and conducting these activities.
- “Everything Green” project is a good model for building a community of engaged members who immediately see themselves as having a positive impact on their community