Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants Creates Meadow

Tufton Farm, one of Jefferson’s original quarter farms, is today part of the more than 2,500 acres under the Thomas Jefferson Foundation’s stewardship. As part of Monticello’s efforts to promote and pursue sustainable agriculture and land management, the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants has been working closely with local farmer Rob Harrison to protect the watershed, improve pastures and increase biodiversity and habitat for birds and pollinators at the farm. This includes the recent five-acre installation of a native grass and wildflower meadow. The meadow will provide a habitat for wildlife and nectar sources for pollinators including honey bees, and add to the natural beauty of the historic farm. The meadow will also serve as an educational tool for the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, providing insight into the importance of meadows, and methods for incorporating meadows into urban and suburban landscapes.

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