

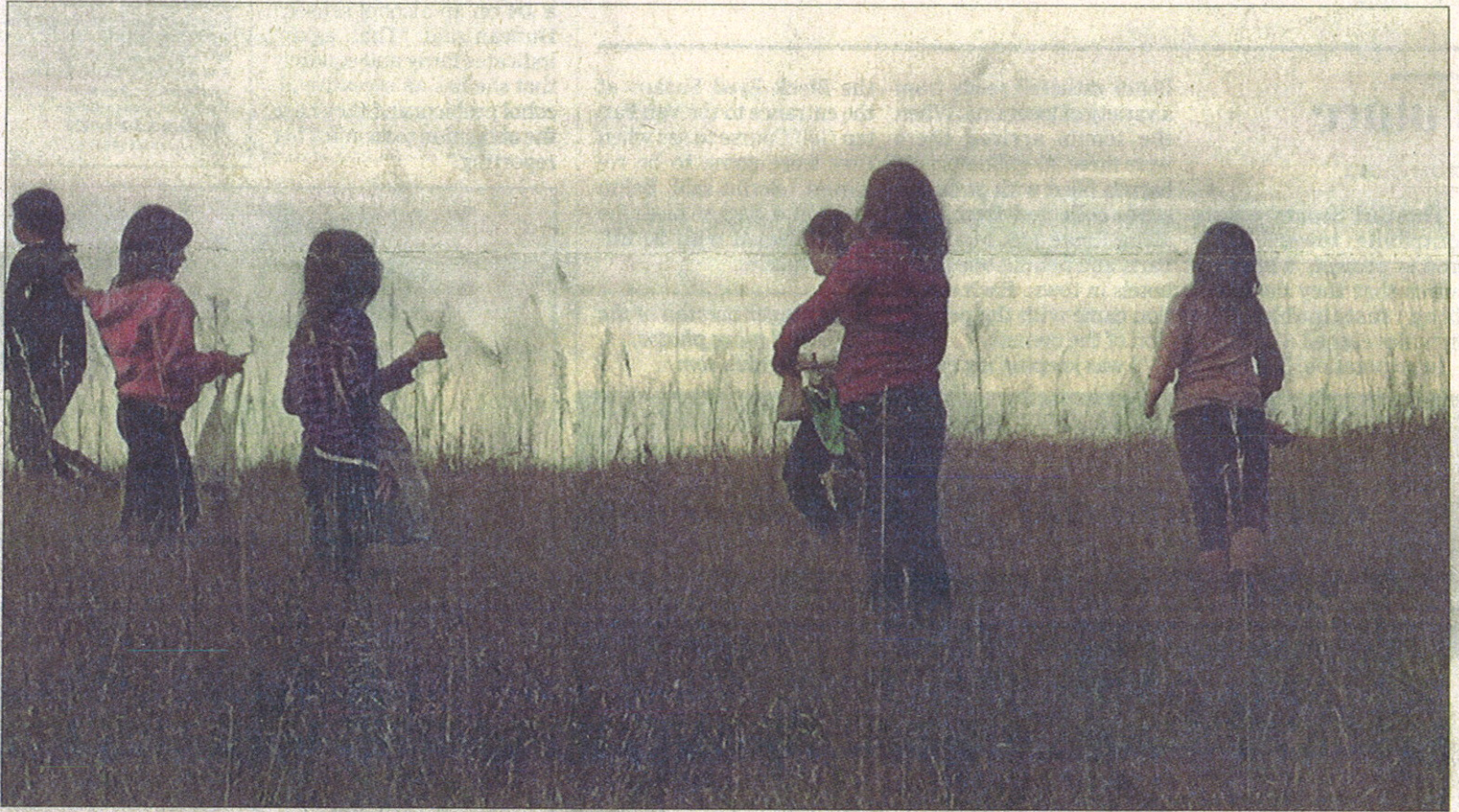
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Junior Girl Scouts planted seeds at the Clifton Park landfill this fall in anticipation of spring and summer flowers.

Preparing for a bright future

Girl Scouts plant wildflower seeds on former landfill, creating natural habitat

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Winter won't be here forever, and when spring and summer fi-

nally arrive, the work done this fall by local Girl Scouts will blossom.

A half-dozen Girl Scouts and an equal number of adults spent two hours on an early fall eve-

ning at the Clifton Park landfill on Vischer Ferry Road, letting fly seeds that will dot the hillside with Black Eyed Susan, Queen Anne's Lace, milkweed, and sunflowers.

The scouts want to continue efforts to draw bees, birds, and butterflies to the area.

Taking part in the planting were

brownies and Junior Girl Scouts from Troops 2158 and 2494. The adults included Town Supervisor Philip Barrett, Riverview Orchards owner Isabel Prescott, naturalist David Behm, Friends of Clifton Park Open Space volunteer Frank Berlin and Capital Region Audubon President John Loz.

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The Girl Scouts' efforts contribute toward their bronze project, which requires that they do something sustainable. The brownies earned a patch.

In preparation, Berlin and

Behm gathered seeds from a variety of locations. When the scouts arrived there were three 30-gallon plastic barrels filled with pods and seeds collected from sites along Route 146, MacElroy Park, and behind one of the hotels in town. Each collection came with the permission of the owners.

"I was keeping my eye on

the Black Eyed Susans at the entrance to the Van Patten Golf Course to see when they were going to be removed," Berlin said. Behm brought a bag of seeds he had collected with 25 different species.

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