## **Happy New Wild Year**

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What a Wonderful Wild Year We Shared!
Helping Wild Areas Around Us Be Spared!
Cleaning Parks and our StreetsPlanting Wild and Sowing SeedsCutting Invasives to get Wild Lands Repaired!

What a Fabulous Wild Year We Spent!
Planting Native Plants and Hiking We Went!
We Admired the WildShared Our Excitement With Every ChildWe Elected Two Loess Hills Co-Presidents!

What a Bountiful Wild Year We Provided!
Each Program had Loess Hills Wild Ones Excited!
We Had Plant Sales and GrantsWild Hikes That Identified Native PlantsOur Garden Walks- Viewing Blooms- All Delighted!

What a Breathtaking Year Nature Revealed!
With Butterflies, Bees, and Birds in the Fields!
There were Turtles in our LakesBeaver Dams, Otters, Waterfowl, and Harmless SnakesAlmost Everyone found SOMETHING that Appealed!

What a Marvelous Year Loess Hills Observed!
Sharing Partnerships and Principles while we Conserved!
Changing Lawns into LIFEHarvesting native SEEDS- and not STRIFEPlanting Flowers and Helping 'Wild' be Preserved!

What an EXCITING YEAR PLANNED FOR 2025!
Keeping Natural Loess Hills Wild Things ALIVE!
We VOW and RESOLVETo Keep Wild Ones Loess Hills InvolvedHelping Wild Plants, Animals, and People All THRIVE!

So Please JOIN US in ANY way you CAN!
We look FORWARD to SAVING the LANDS!
Each one in their own SPACEAll things Nature EMBRACEDo All that We Can—In Our Lifespans!!

What a Wonderful Wild Life of Enlightenment!
Gratifying, Unpredictable, Adventurous- And Contentment!
Wishing ALL a HAPPY NEW YEAR!
With ALL that YOU- Personally- Hold DEARMay Your NEW YEAR be FILLED with EXCITEMENT!

Happiest Memories of 2024, and HAPPY WILD NEW YEAR 2025!