

## Long-term park project: Garden bed

This project involves planting and maintaining a mulched garden bed within a neighbourhood park. Project coordinators and group participants require basic gardening knowledge and skills.

The city delivers coarse wood chip mulch in May annually and assists with initial bed preparation. A small Bee City Canada pollinator garden sign is installed in garden beds that consist of native vegetation.

## Garden bed requirements:

- Select a low maintenance design and start small such as 2m x 4m in size, ensuring a minimum mowing strip of 3 metres around the garden bed and from private property.
- Approved vegetation includes shrubs, perennials, annuals and clumping grasses. We encourage native species to create ideal habitat for pollinators.
- View the planting resources (Appendix A in program guide) for details on spacing, species selection and additional features for garden beds.

## Park Project Community Lead Volunteer role:

Two project coordinator volunteers from separate households will be responsible for the following activities for a five-year renewable term:

- Purchase and deliver all vegetation and additional materials, including replacement costs (if desired) for materials that are damaged or removed.
- Plant and maintain vegetation, as per City specifications and standards (see program guide).
- Schedule and monitor regular workdays throughout the growing season, using participants' tools.
- Dispose of organic waste (weeds, perennial stems, trimmings) in suitable containers and remove from the site according to the Region of Waterloo's yard waste collection schedule or contact your city staff liaison for assistance with large quantities.
- Repair vandalism, excessive litter and/or damage immediately.

