

## Long-term park project: Living fence or mown buffer

This project involves planting and maintaining a living fence or mown buffer at the rear of private property in the park. Project coordinators purchase, plant and maintain native shrubs within this buffer, including mowing the turf for a five-year renewable term or until the shrubs are well established. One option to only mow turf within this buffer is acceptable. The city will install city demarcation posts at the park property boundary, as required.

### Living fence buffer requirements:

- Ensure adequate spacing of shrubs (1.5 to 2 metres) with a maximum buffer of 2 metres wide x length of your private property situated at the rear only, facing the park and depending on site conditions.
- Approved vegetation includes native shrubs only to create ideal habitat for pollinators.
- Amendments such as good quality topsoil and compost are acceptable.
- Mulched garden beds that extend private property into the park are not permitted.

### Individual Park Project Volunteer role:

The project coordinator volunteer will be responsible for the following activities for a five-year renewable term:

- Purchase, deliver and plant all vegetation and additional materials, including replacement costs (if desired) for vegetation that is damaged or removed.
- Maintain the buffer, as per City specifications and standards (see Appendix A), which includes using a standard push mower to mow the grass within the buffer.
- 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.
- Repair vandalism, excessive litter and/or damage immediately.

