

Alternative Mowing Pilot Program

An area of 3.75 acres within Sugarbush Park will be left unmown through May.

Our intentions:

- Provide the community and staff an opportunity to explore the ecological benefits, grass length, and maintenance challenges of changing mowing practices.
- Allow spring-flowering plants to bloom, which may provide food for pollinators emerging from hibernation.
- Observe other potential benefits including reduced emissions from fuel-powered equipment and improved stormwater infiltration.

What happens after May?

- This area will return to our bi-weekly mowing schedule. Please allow until mid-June for this area to be mowed.
- Staff will compile feedback and observations from the community with staff photo-monitoring to inform potential changes to mowing practices.

We welcome feedback from the community. After your visit to Sugarbush Park this spring, submit your observations regarding this project via url.a2gov.org/lessmowfeedback.

Visit the [Park Sustainability Initiatives](#) website to learn more.



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