

Alternative Mowing Pilot Program

A total area of 0.70 acres within Wurster Park will be left unmown through May.
A 0.1-acre area will be mowed once annually.

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?

- The 0.70-acre area will return to our bi-weekly mowing schedule. Please allow until mid-June for these areas to be mowed.
- The 0.1-acre area will be mowed once annually. Staff will continue to monitor the area and will consider native plantings.
- 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 Wurster Park this spring, submit your observations regarding this project via url.a2gov.org/lessmowfeedback.

Visit the [Park Sustainability Initiatives](http://ParkSustainabilityInitiatives) website to learn more.



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