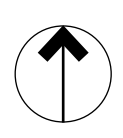




# Building Social and Ecological Resilience at

# Millers Meadow



- A Picnic Lawn\*
- B Fishing Spot\*
- C Prospect
- D Millers Meadow Trail\*
- E Riparian Path
- F Pollinator Path\*
- G Parking Area
- H Planted, Phase I
- I Upper Path\*
- \* Proposed for Phase 2
- birdhouse
- ▬ bench

In 2025, the City of Greenfield--in partnership with Greening Greenfield and Youth Climate Action Franklin County--began establishing a forest and pollinator meadow at Millers Meadow, a 14-acre conservation parcel along the Green River. With the help of over 100 volunteers, the team planted a 3/4-acre forest made up of 650 trees and shrubs. In addition, site preparation work was begun on the proposed 1.5-acre meadow.

While Phase 1 of the project was limited in its extent, Phase 2 will transform the entirety of Millers Meadow. In this phase, the site will be managed for high-quality habitat and new recreational opportunities such as hiking, bird-watching, fishing, and contemplation.

Millers Meadow has the potential to offer a wide mosaic of habitats. Including upland, floodplain, and riparian areas, landscape management will focus on creating high-quality habitat for pollinators, birds, and the Wood Turtle--a Massachusetts's Endangered Species that has been documented at Millers Meadow.

In addition, this project will create new social spaces and recreational opportunities. Mowed walking paths will be created by allowing the open lawn to regenerate into a meadow. Four benches will be located at resting places along these paths. Tree plantings (from the Floodplain Forest

community) will be staged throughout the open field to create views, offer shade, and generate a diversity of micro-habitats. In addition to the network of paths, three social spaces will be created--the Picnic Lawn (at the end of Kimball Drive), the Fishing Spot--a place where people can go down to the river's edge, and the Prospect, a resting place with a scenic view of Millers Meadow.