

SCHMIDT WOODS PARK PRAIRIE MEADOW INSTALLATION

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The City of Plymouth will be installing 6 acres of tall grass prairie and native woodland as part of the 2024 Schmidt Woods Park development. This prairie establishment will be an ecological and educational resource for the community as well as a **beautiful natural feature in your own backyard**. As a natural system, the prairie will take 3-4 years to reach its full maturity and health. You will see our team and a team of prairie experts out in the park actively managing its growth. We are excited to watch the prairie grow with you and to watch the birds and bees that are to come!



YEAR ONE

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Site preparation is key to a successful native prairie establishment. The site will be cleared of all existing turf grass in identified areas and reseeded with native seeding mixes. All trees will be protected during this process. The initial growth following the reseeding will be low and dominated by native grasses.

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YEAR TWO

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The native grasses will look well established and healthy. You will start to see initial wildflower growth but they will be limited. The prairie may look more open and less dense. You may notice more birds and bugs beginning to arrive. Our team will be mowing or prescribe burning throughout this year to keep the prairie thriving.



YEAR THREE

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Wildflowers and native grasses will mature to full height and blooming potential. You will notice more plant diversity overall. The prairie will look denser and healthy. You may also notice more wildlife activity as the prairie is able to provide a healthy, unique habitat. Our team will continue active management.

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YEAR FOUR

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The prairie will be fully established. You will see a great diversity of plants and seasonal blooms. It will look dense, healthy, and teeming with a variety of birds and bugs. At this stage, the City will mow in trails throughout the prairie area to allow access into the prairie without negative impacts to prairie health.

PROJECT UPDATES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PARK PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT, GO TO:



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