

For our first Summer Life-Friendly Garden Tour we celebrate the Monarch butterfly!

Watertown has signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. That means the city is committed to protecting and promoting pollinators such as the Monarch butterfly. Watertown is engaging residents, businesses, and neighborhood groups throughout the city on the importance of providing pollinator habitat.

As gardeners, we can:

- Make our gardens safe for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators by not using chemical pesticides, fertilizers, or herbicides 🚫
- Plant milkweeds to feed the caterpillars 🐛
- Plant nectar plants to feed the butterflies 🦋

You don't need to have a garden to:

- Attend educational events such as Pollinator Walks with Friends of Bees
- Help maintain our public gardens and/or remove invasive plants, such as Black Swallow-wort, with Watertown Pollinator Pathways
- Enjoy community art and events about pollinators presented by Edible Watertown
- Engage in citizen science, such as Journey North and iNaturalist

And everyone can come to the Life-Friendly Garden Tour and visit some of the green places growing in Watertown!

On June 23, the hosted gardens featured in this tour will welcome visitors during the hours of the Garden Tour. After that, please be respectful, and view their gardens from the street. Public gardens can be viewed any time!

To view an online map, read the full descriptions, and access further resources about the Monarch butterfly, please scan the QR code below. Or email us at gardentour@watertowncitizens.org.



Welcome to Watertown's first
Summer
Life-Friendly Garden Tour

Sunday, June 23, 2024
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Gardens in Watertown



Co-hosted by Friends of Bees and Watertown Pollinator Pathways, this program is supported in part by a grant from the Watertown Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



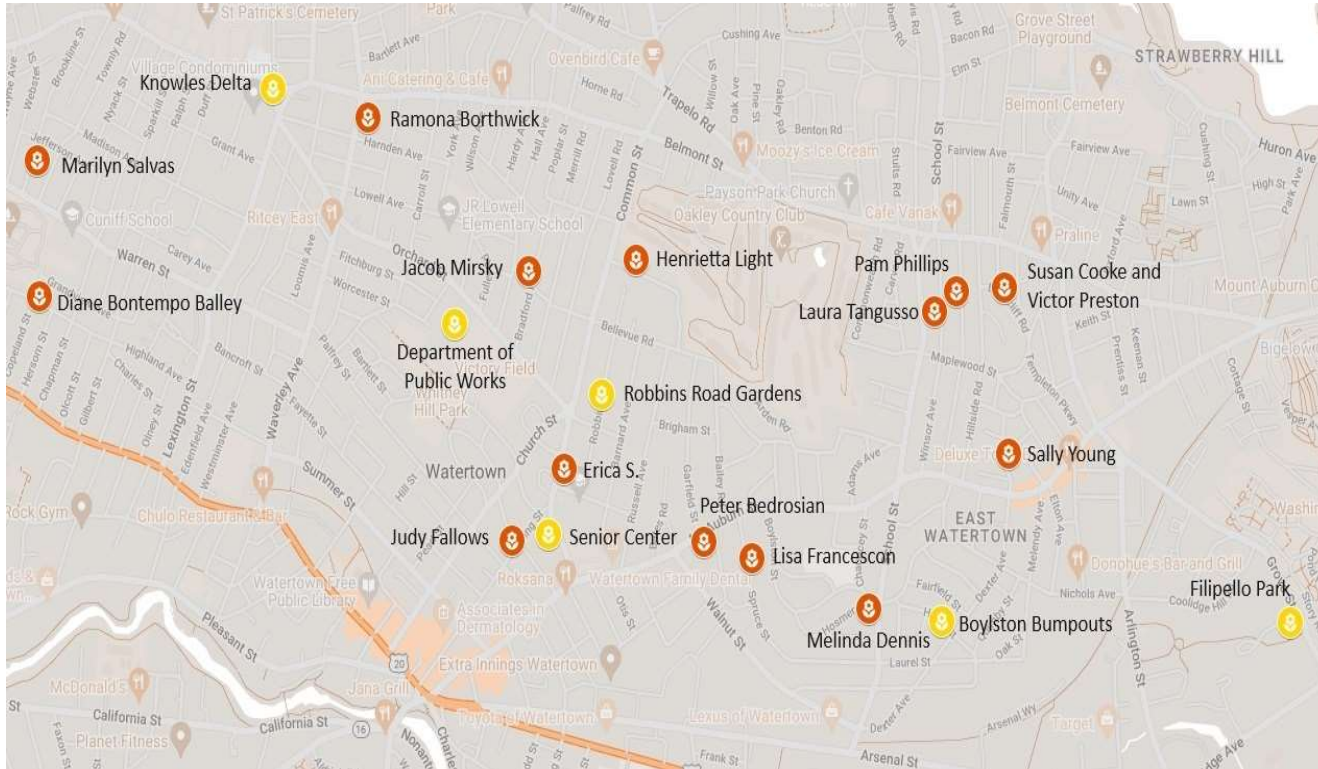
Hosted Gardens

🌿 112 BROOKLINE STREET 🌿 Marilyn Salvas
🐌 My planting strip garden started with a garden kit from Blue Stems Native. I have added plants I winter sowed. 🐌

🌿 75 COPELAND STREET 🌿 Diane Bontempo Balley
🐌 Flowers such as zinnias, vegetables, herbs, fig tree, orange tree, raspberries, and a shade garden. 🐌

🌿 83 COMMON STREET 🌿 Erica S.
🐌 Lately, I've turned my focus to natives such as wild bergamot, snakeroot, golden alexander, and wild indigo. 🐌
🌿 52 MARSHALL STREET 🌿 Judy Fallows
🐌 10 fruit trees, grapes and berries, vegetables, bunnies, birds and a happy woodchuck/groundhog. 🐌
🌿 265 MOUNT AUBURN STREET 🌿 Peter Bedrosian
🐌 Japanese inspired garden with perennials, shrubs and trees. 🐌

🌿 118 WINSOR AVENUE 🌿 Laura Tanguosso
🐌 80+% native plants, bushes and trees front and back yard plus organic vegetable garden. No chemical anything ever! 🐌
🌿 132 LANGDON AVENUE 🌿 Pam Phillips
🐌 Please note it's two flights of steps to see my full garden. Butterfly plants include milkweeds, Joe-Pye weed, ironweed, coneflowers, and native thistles. I'm the head of Friends of Bees and happy to talk about pollinators! 🐌
🌿 30 WESTLAND ROAD AT EDGECLIFF 🌿 Susan Cooke and Victor Preston
🐌 We will be outside from 10 to 12. People can still feel free to explore the grassy strips after that. A grassless non-formal garden, stuffed with fragrant flowers, flowering trees, and shrubs. 🐌
🌿 1 APPLETON STREET 🌿 Sally Young
🐌 I try to raise edible flowers as part of our Edible Watertown project. ENJOY IT and feel free to ask me questions I have been gardening for 70 years!! 🐌



Public Gardens, Planting Strips and Bumpouts

🌿 301 WAVERLEY AVE 🌿 Ramona Borthwick
🐌 Step through the gate into my backyard garden oasis amidst the urban hustle. 🐌
🌿 59 BRADFORD ROAD 🌿 Jacob Mirsky
🐌 Not an inch of grass to be found! 🐌
🌿 22 GRENVILLE ROAD 🌿 Henrietta Light
🐌 The garden has become a meadow amid trees offering their services to wildlife. 🐌

🌿 32 SPRUCE STREET 🌿 Lisa Francescon
🐌 Front yard mostly shade garden that evolved from a crab grass patch. 🐌
🌿 4 HOSMER STREET 🌿 Melinda Dennis
🐌 Come see the 200 square foot bump-out that's been turned into an inviting space for pollinators. I'm a board member of Watertown Community Gardens, and I welcome your questions. 🐌

🌿 BELMONT & KNOWLES STREETS 🌿 Knowles Delta
🐌 Public pollinator garden added in Fall 2022. 🐌
🌿 124 ORCHARD STREET 🌿 Department of Public Works
🐌 Our first public pollinator garden, started in 2020. 🐌
🌿 ROBBINS ROAD 🌿 Front Yard Gardens
🐌 Many front yard gardens here are gardened organically. 🐌
🌿 30 COMMON STREET 🌿 Senior Center
🐌 Public pollinator garden and Rose Garden. 🐌
🌿 BOYLSTON & HAZEL STREETS 🌿 Boylston Bumpouts
🐌 These bumpouts created in 2018 by MassDOT are now part of our public pollinator gardens. 🐌
🌿 191 GROVE STREET 🌿 Filipello Park
🐌 Public pollinator and butterfly garden planted in the fall of 2021 around the splash pad. 🐌