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#### SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT CELEBRATES NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK WITH THE ARRIVAL OF POLLINATOR GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT



*Photo courtesy of Chuck Smith*

[**Springfield, IL**] – The Springfield Park District is pleased to welcome the addition of five new pollinator gardens throughout our community parks.

With the partnership of the District, Springfield Parks Foundation, and volunteers led by Susan Helm and Francy Cobern, these gardens were planted within Vredenburgh, Stuart, Bunn, Comer Cox, and Kennedy Parks. The first garden and most native was installed in 2018 at the lower lagoon in Washington Park.

Pollinator gardens have become a great way to help support bees, butterflies, and other animals throughout our community. These animals perform the crucial ecosystem service of pollination which make it possible for our food and flowers to grow.

“We would like to extend a warm thank you to all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time and expertise to making these wonderful improvements throughout our parks. These gardens not only are a beautiful addition but provide crucial support for pollinators.”  
Assistant Director of Recreation, Amanda Weaver

We invite the community to stop and admire our new pollinator gardens on your next visit to Vredenburgh, Stuart, Bunn, Comer Cox, and Kennedy parks. If you are interested in learning more about our Pollinator Garden Project or becoming a volunteer, please visit the Springfield Parks Foundation at [www.springfieldparksfoundation.org](http://www.springfieldparksfoundation.org)

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