



Lexington Conservation Caring for our public land

Community Programs

HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF LEXINGTON'S OPEN SPACE & RECREATION AREAS

COME TO THE PUBLIC FORUM VIA ZOOM!

TUESDAY, JULY 12 7:00 PM

WHAT IS YOUR VISION? WHAT DO YOU LIKE? CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS?

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- As a citizen of Lexington, what is your vision for open spaces and recreation areas in the Town?
- What do you like about the open space and recreational opportunities in Lexington?
- What are the current and future needs for open space and recreation?

Submit feedback and follow the project here



Idylwilde Community Gardens

Garden Co-Coordinator Needed

We are looking for someone to help out as co-coordinator for the Idylwilde Community Garden. Whether you have been at the Community Garden for one year or 10+ years, you can do this! Reach out for more information:

acarr@lexingtonma.gov



Lincoln Street Sidewalk and Parking Lot Improvements

Construction on the Lincoln Street sidewalk project and parking lot are expected to begin this fall. Please reach out to the Conservation Coordinator with any questions.

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Land Management

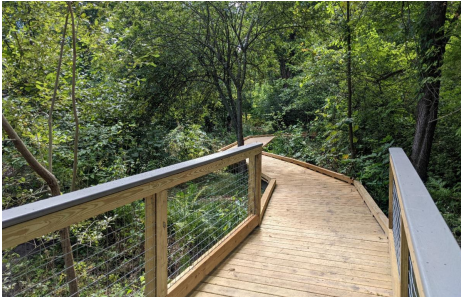
Parker Meadow Grand Opening Mid- October

Trails at Parker Meadow will be open again soon! Work remaining include installation of native plantings in areas of disturbance, installation of a wayside interpretive panel on the viewing platform near the pond, and the installation of a story walk in collaboration with Cary Library.

[Join CLC on Saturday October 15th](#) to celebrate the new UA trail opening at Parker Meadow!

Once trails are opened, please follow proper UA trail etiquette. **Bikes yield to all other users. All dogs must be leashed.**





Improvements include:

- Creation of 1,697 feet of accessible trails
- Parking area improvements
- Creation of a viewing platform
- Interpretive Panel

Eye Spy in Nature



Critical Drought Level 3

Have you noticed low water levels in nearby ponds, streams, and rivers lately? Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) declared a Level 3 – Critical Drought in the Northeast and Central Regions. Conditions have worsened across most regions of the state and spread westward. Read more on the state's [drought status page](#).

What Can YOU do?

1. Embrace the "golden lawn" and stop watering until drought conditions ease
2. Minimize Landscape water needs through water- smart landscaping principals
3. Minimize your use of water outdoors

[read "tips for saving water" here](#)

TIPS FOR SAVING WATER
When in Drought or Not – Please Do Your Part

OUTDOOR WATER USE

1. LIMIT LAWN WATERING, ESPECIALLY DURING A DROUGHT
Lawns naturally go dormant during dry conditions. They'll recover when conditions improve.

- If you are in a region at Drought Level 3, Critical Drought (Severe Drought Conditions) or Drought Level 4, Emergency Drought: Do not water your lawn.
- If you are in a region at Drought Level 2, Significant Drought (Moderate to Severe Drought): Limit watering to hand held only or drip irrigation. Water after 3PM or before 9AM to avoid evaporative losses.
- If you are in a region at Drought Level 1, Moderate Drought (Moderately Dry Conditions): Limit watering to 1 day per week at most. Water after 3PM or before 9AM.

2. MINIMIZE LANDSCAPE WATER NEEDS THROUGH WATER-SMART LANDSCAPING PRINCIPLES*

- Maintain healthy soils in minimum of 6 inches in depth, where possible.
- Choose native plants or plants and turf that need less water.
- Use mulch to reduce evaporation and moderate soil temperature.
- Leave grass clippings on lawn to shade and return nutrients to soil.

3. MINIMIZE YOUR USE OF WATER OUTDOORS

- Sweep driveways, walk, patios, and other outdoor areas with a broom rather than hosing them off.
- Wash vehicles using a bucket and sponge, employing a hose with a shut-off nozzle for rinse only or, if available, use a commercial car wash that recycles water (most do).
- Cover swimming pools when not in use to prevent evaporation.

INDOOR WATER USE

1. Choose high-efficiency plumbing products and appliances (look for the WaterSense or Energy Star labels).

2. Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving. "Never Let the Water Run."

3. Take shorter showers (5 minutes or less) and use water saving showerheads.

4. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.

5. Fix leaks! Dripping faucets and leaking toilets, pipes, and appliances can add up to hundreds of gallons of water lost per week.

6. Create a kitchen compost bin instead of using the garbage disposal.

7. Collect and reuse clean household water (water savings while you wait for hot water for each your faucet or shower, leftover water from cooking, etc.) and use it to water plants.

* Choose native and/or drought-tolerant plants and water smart turf for healthy and safe lawns. For the production of food and fiber for the maintenance of a landscape from Home Depot Landscapes, look for WaterSense (W) WaterSense.

To check your drought region and status go to mass.gov/conservewater



Embrace the Golden Lawn

Did you know when well-established lawns turn brown- they aren't dead, but dormant? Dormant lawns are putting their resources towards developing deeper root systems. They will green up again when it rains.

Overwatering a lawn can cause a lawn with shallow roots that is sensitive to pests and drought.



Upcoming Events!!!

Lexington Living Landscapes' Open Gardens Day

Saturday September 10th

Join LLL this Saturday, September 10, for the first edition of, Lexington Living Landscapes' **Open Gardens Day**. Are you curious to see what other gardeners have done with native plants? Or how they have tried to transform their lawns into more environment- and wildlife-friendly green swards? If so, please come visit their gardens.

Twelve homeowners are participating. Each garden will be available for visiting in a two-hour window, with seven in the morning (10 am – 12 noon) and five in the afternoon (1 – 3 pm). Visit as many or as few as you wish. Click [here](#) to view or download a detailed schedule, descriptions, and map.



Citizens for Lexington Conservation Walks

[Register and find out
more](#)

Mindful Walk and Sit,



Willard's Woods

Saturday September 17, 9:00-10:30 AM
This walk combines a mindful meander with a meditative sit-spot in Willards Woods.

Leader: Barbara Tarrh
btarrh@gmail.com



Fall Insects at Arlington Great Meadows

Saturday September 24, 10:30- 12 NOON

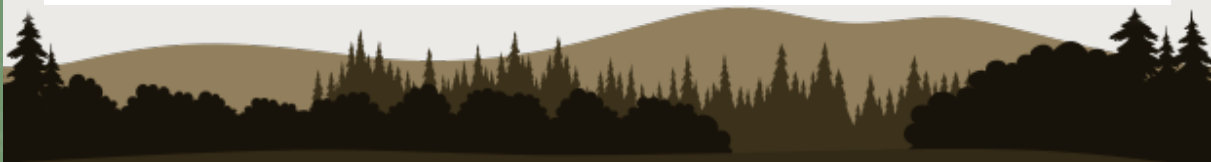
Email Barbara Tarrh to register:
btarrh@gmail.com



Nature Journaling, Sutherland Woods

Thursday September 29, 10-11:30AM

Leader: Jan Ford
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