

*****MEDIA ALERT & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY*****

Heritage Park Pollinator Garden in Stamford Downtown

- WHAT:** [Stamford Downtown Special Services District, Future 5 and the City of Stamford present a pollinator garden within Heritage Park](#)
- WHERE:** Heritage Park (behind Old Town Hall on Main & Bank Streets, Stamford Downtown)
- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 9am
- DETAILS:** The Stamford Downtown Special Services District (Stamford Downtown) will partner with Future 5 and the City of Stamford to create a pollinator garden within Heritage Park, immediately behind Old Town Hall. The proposed garden will help combat the sharp reduction of the State and region's bee population as well as other pollinating species such as butterflies and hummingbirds. This dramatic reduction in the pollinator population has resulted in a loss of colorful, flowering plants native to Stamford. This garden will be the first of many pollinator pathway gardens planned in the City of Stamford.

Work on the garden began on August 6th, as members of the City's Parks and Recreation staff weeded and prepared the garden under the supervision of Joanne Parsons, Stamford Downtown's streetscape designer, coordinator and landscape architect. On August 20th at 9:00am, Ms. Parsons will then guide Future 5 students with the installation of pollinating plants. Future 5 will adopt the garden for care and maintenance. All of the native pollinator plants were provided by Planters Choice Nursery located in Newtown Connecticut.

This project is part of the larger Pollinator Pathway project. The Pollinator Pathway is the vision of stakeholders from over thirty (30) municipalities – located throughout western Connecticut and Westchester County – who work together to create a pollinator-friendly habitat and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife along a series of continuous corridors. As described on the Pollinator Pathway's website (pollinator-pathway.org/), most native bees have a range of about 750 meters, so the goal is to connect properties that are no farther apart than that distance. This project began in 2017 in Wilton. Since then, pathways have been established in over 75 towns in CT and NY and the list keeps growing.

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