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Grant Allows Township to Develop Hummingbird Garden at Pitchford Park

Macomb Township, Mich. – A flutter of beauty and activity is coming to Pitchford Park as it welcomes the planting of a hummingbird garden, adding a vibrant splash to the park's already extensive amenities.

The recently opened 14-acre park is home to the Township's first dog park, an extensive walking path, tennis and pickleball courts, playscapes, and a Monarch Butterfly habitat garden. With the addition of a hummingbird garden, Macomb Township residents are provided with another way to engage with nature and the beauty of our community.

Thanks to a grant from the Macomb County Parks and Natural Resources' Green Macomb program, the Township will purchase shrubs, perennials and trees for the garden. The project is supported by funding through a Consumer's Energy Planet Award grant and USDA Forest Service grant, both administered through the County's Green Macomb program.

With help from Macomb Township resident and master gardener Kathy Piepenbrok and Macomb Township resident and founder of Plant It Forward Nethanya Fonseca, the Township will begin work planting the new garden on April 26, 2024, in honor of Arbor Day.

"We are planting a garden for hummingbirds next to a section of the park planted for monarch butterflies, which is next to a dog area. Yet, Pitchford Park is 100 percent built for people because people value their dogs, butterflies and hummingbirds along with playgrounds, pickleball, tennis and other park amenities," said Macomb Township Treasurer Leon Drolet.

Macomb Township residents passionate about gardening, art and landscaping are always invited to join the Township's beautification efforts by contacting Drolet at (586)992-0710 x 2262. Join us as we plant roots for the future—starting with our hummingbird garden this Arbor Day!

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