



# Glastonbury Partners in Planting, Inc.

Together we can help make Glastonbury a more beautiful, greener place to live.

## Local Partnerships



### Love Garden

Spring of 2012 will find colorful perennials and annuals along with 6 park benches and an underground irrigation system at the newly renovated Tercentenary Park/Love Garden.

GPIP will donate 6 ornamental trees and the yew hedge to the area as part of a community partnership that also includes the Community Beautification Commission, Town Center Initiative, the Town of Glastonbury and Country Gardeners.

The original garden was planted in 1993 as part of Glastonbury's 300th celebration.



### Fire Houses 3 and 4

After a meeting mid-June 2011 with Jamie Feldman, Captain of Company #3 fire house and owner of American Yard Services, Greg Foran, superintendent of the Town Parks and Rec.

dept., and several GPIIP Board members, a partnership developed to replace the existing overgrown landscaping on the sides and front of both fire houses. Jamie provided the new design for the fire houses and GPIIP offered to purchase the perennials and shrubs.

An unusually warm fall turned out to be the perfect planting time so after all the existing landscaping was torn out by American Yard Services, volunteers from GPIIP and the fire houses turned out 2 weekends in a row to provide the manpower of installing all of the new plants.

What had once been a casual conversation between Fire Chief Michael Thurz and Greg Foran was now a reality. We hope to do the same for Company #1's landscape in the future.



## ***Nature Conservancy: American Elm Restoration***

In June of 2011, 70 young elm and silver maples were planted along the Salmon Brook at Riverfront Park thanks to The Nature Conservancy's Connecticut River Program. Partnering with GPIIP, Great Meadows Conservation Trust and the Town Beautification Committee, volunteers from all the groups braved swarms of mosquitoes, broken shovels and poison ivy to plant the young trees. Five species of disease resistant elms were alternated with the silver maples to block any spread of disease that might be spread from root to root. The young trees will produce many seeds in the next several years. These seeds will find their way into the surrounding flood plains adding a continuing sustainability to the project.



## ***East Glastonbury Library***

**Volunteers from the East Glastonbury Library partnered with GPIIP in late summer of 2009 to take out overgrown plantings in two areas in front and on the side of the 'Little Red Schoolhouse'. Shrubs, grasses, perennials and spring bulbs were planted to create 4 seasons of interest with relatively low maintenance in a design created by GPIIP member Deborah Kent.**

**While GPIIP paid for all the plants, the volunteers who work at East Glastonbury Library will take care of the plantings that should look beautiful for decades.**



