



Glastonbury Partners in Planting, Inc.

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

Town Partnerships



Town Dog Park

In May of 2011, GPIIP partnered with the Town Parks and Rec. Department to beautify the new Dog Park. We donated and planted 25 trees (green ash, elms, oaks, a rosebud, tulip trees and flowering pears) mostly on the south side of the park to provide shade. Others were planted in a nearby conservation area. The planting took 3 men and a T650 Bobcat 1 day to complete.



Smith Middle School Courtyard

Beginning in the fall of 2010, the Smith Middle

School courtyard began a huge transformation from being a tired, overgrown eyesore to becoming a colorful and attractive outdoor classroom space. Partnering with the Town, SMS administrators and students, GPIP spearheaded the project of digging up all of the old perennials with the students so that they could sell them at a plant sale; then replacing the shrubs and vegetation with new vibrant ones. After the Town re-graded the courtyard and repaired the sprinkler system, B&B Landscaping provided equipment and labor to blow in compost. Next, the Town planted grass seed in the four quadrants. GPIP continued to work with students planting bulbs, setting up several thermometers (with the help of local meteorologist Joe Furey) to measure temperatures in and outside the courtyard to see if the courtyard would be warm enough for any unusual or exotic plants. Currently GPIP members Della Winans, Susan Dixon and Edie Kelly are working with SMS teachers to plan for spring plantings.

Most exciting was the initial presentation of a new Husquavarna solar powered robotic lawnmower that was purchased with the students plant sale money, private donations, a grant from the Glastonbury Education Foundation and a donation from GPIP. Used to maintain the new grassy areas in the courtyard, the lawnmower immediately piqued the interest of many students and created an enthusiasm for science and technology in this new outdoor classroom.



Youth & Family Services

Again, GPIP partnered with teens to provide new landscaping at the Youth and Family Services building in Town. They dug out all the existing overgrown plants and replaced them with colorful, low maintenance plants. The students were so enthusiastic about the project that they placed popsicle stick name tags on the plants they put into the ground so they could take care of them as they grow. Jarrod Sancoucy, Bob Shipman and Deborah Kent provided professional help and guidance.

Addison Park

October 2009 brought not only a new addition to our garden projects but also a new group of faces. This was GPIP's first group of all teen

volunteers who worked along side Jarrod Sansoucy, designer of the garden, Bob Shipman and Chris Gullotta. Together with the Town Parks and Rec. Department, GPIIP transformed the existing over grown garden of burning bush and juniper to a new low maintenance colorful garden.

