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The role of natural areas in our parks, as outlined the 20/20 Vision Plan, is to protect and interpret significant or sensitive natural resources while utilizing them as open space available for public enjoyment.

To facilitate this, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board is reestablishing native prairies in Natural Resource Area Parks, Metropolitan Community Parks, and in the Greenway System. We will be establishing prairie gardens to phase in larger prairie areas.

**Prairie Garden:** an area planted with native prairie plants of at least one or more species. The process involves the removal of non-native plant and the establishment of the prairie gardens; this process may involve several seasons.

Prairie garden signs will be posted in areas indicating a prairie garden is in progress.



*Look for signs indicating prairie development is at these park sites:*

- Lake Springfield Park
- Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park
- South Creek Linear Park, at Sunset and Jefferson ; Golden
- Nathanael Greene Close Memorial Park
- Galloway Creek Linear Park Trail
- Frisco Highline Trail, at Harold ; Walnut Grove

As the seasons progress, we will have photos depicting our progress at the individual parks on the Springfield-Greene County Park Board website [www.parkboard.org](http://www.parkboard.org)