



2024 Nature. Nurture. Novi. Spring Highlights

This spring, Nature. Nurture. Novi hosted several engaging programs aimed at enhancing our local environment. The spring series kicked off on March 27 with "Managing and Creating Natural Habitat in Your Yard," presented by City Landscape Architect Rick Meader. He shared insights on native plants and starting a natural habitat, captivating an audience of 80 residents from Novi and the surrounding areas.

Continuing the environmental focus, the City of Novi celebrated Arbor Day with a series of events beginning on Earth Day, April 22, with educational tree fact signs at Lakeshore Park. On April 25, Rick Meader led a knowledge-rich hike discussing local trees and plants. The event wrapped up on April 27 with a seedling giveaway, where City Forester Keith Salowich presented on proper tree planting and maintenance. This event was supported by local Girl Scouts and members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, who also planted five new trees at Lakeshore Park.

Our efforts against invasive species were showcased on May 4 during our third annual Garlic Mustard Pull at Lakeshore Park. The community came together to remove this invasive plant, drawing more than 60 volunteers who contributed to the project's success over three hours. These programs not only foster a stronger connection with our environment but also highlight our commitment to promoting natural habitats through education and community involvement.

This program met the department's core value of environment by emphasizing the importance of preserving natural environments through community education and hands-on stewardship.



N3 Spring Highlights	Stats
Total Participants	510
Volunteer Value Independent Sector Data at \$33.49/hour	\$8,841.36
Bags of Garlic Mustard	50
Recreation Programmer	M Lachance

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