

**Watertown Park Commission**

July 19, 2023

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Pollinator Garden Request</b>
<b>Request for Action:</b>	<b>Direction on pollinator garden request.</b>
<b>Employee/Dept.:</b>	<b>Jake Foster, City Administrator</b>

**Background:**

Ali Parsons-Towle, has submitted a request to staff explore the idea of planting a pollinator garden along the trail connecting Southview St. and Quail Ct. Ms. Parsons-Towle has been mowing the strip of land to the west of the trail for the last 6 years and is no longer able to do so. Public services superintendent, Mike Dressel, has been informed, and the City will take over the mowing.

However, given the additional swath of land to the west of the trail, Ms. Parsons thought this would be a good opportunity to plant a pollinator garden, and a nice amenity for the City.

Staff would like direction from the Parks Commission prior to spending any significant staff time on the project. Ms. Parsons-Towle has also volunteered her time as a professional grant-writer to help find funding for the project.

**Attachments:**

Overhead view of trail and greenspace