

## Greenfield's Pondview Park Restoration Project

Established in 1997, Pondview Park situated along a natural wildlife corridor, originally featured two retention ponds and a paved walking trail for bird watching and observation. The park was planted with over 200 native wetland tree, shrub and wildflower species, with an emphasis on plant material that would provide habitat, food and fodder for birds and migratory water fowl. In 2004, the construction of a gazebo and inclusion of interpretive signage identifying unique wetland plant life features further enhanced the park's aesthetics and function as a birding site. Over time, buckthorn and other invasive species succeeded in encroaching along the edge of the pond (see Figure 1).

*Figure 1: Pre-pond restoration project*



In Spring of 2018, Pondview Park underwent a pond improvement project that focused on clearing invasive plant material along the water's edge. The improvements helped to restore the pond's function to its original intent: to provide wildlife habitat and serve as a passive nature park for study and reflection. Today, the 6 acres of restored landscape is a haven for migratory birds, waterfowl, plants, insects and more (See Figure 2).

*Figure 2: Post-pond restoration project*

