

# Garbage to Green: Improving Konkel Park's Wetlands

## Partners of Greenfield Parks & Recreation

### Introduction

The Partners of Greenfield Parks & Recreation is a non-profit organization dedicated to:

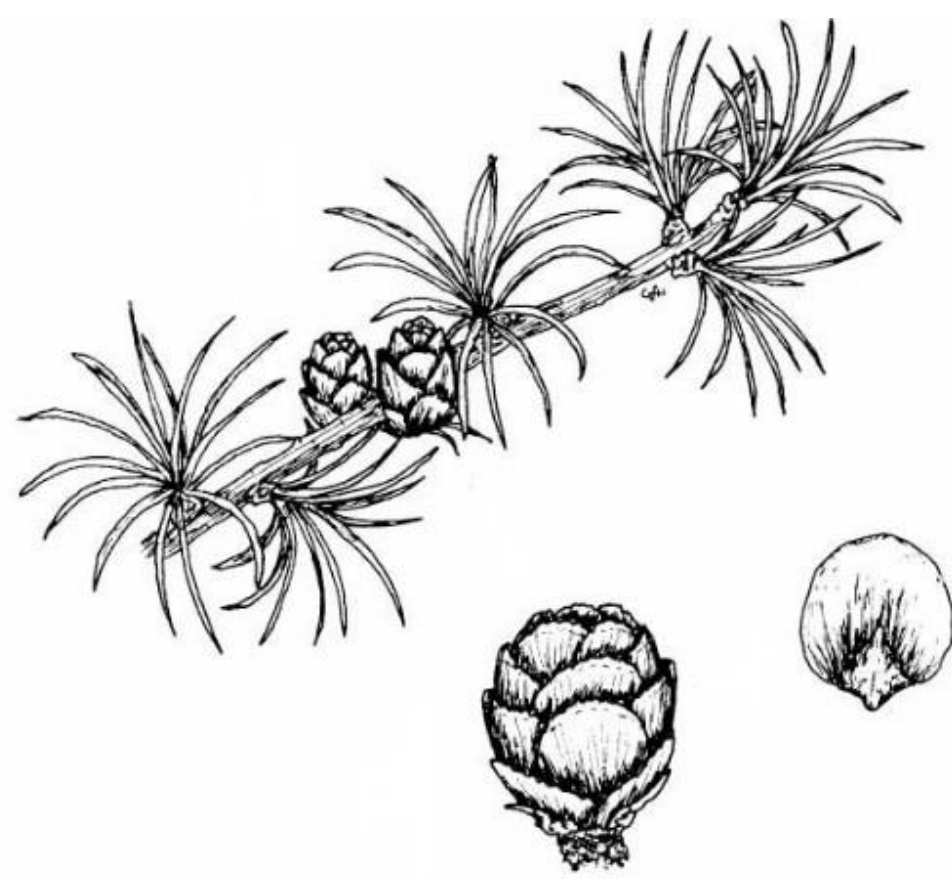
- The preservation and improvement of Greenfield's local park and recreation environments
- Beautification of green spaces and waterways
- Securing of park amenities and
- Development of park site activity areas for the benefit of the community

### Project Mission

Native tamarack trees will contribute to the restoration of Konkel Park, transitioning it from the municipal landfill it once was to the healthy, community green space it aims to be. The project site is located along Honey Creek in the Menomonee Watershed. Trees planted at the site will help mitigate surface water runoff, decrease soil erosion and reduce the accumulation of sediments in the Honey Creek.

### Why Tamarack Trees?

The Tamarack variety is native to Wisconsin and thrives in cold, moist areas like swamps or along streams and lakes. Its hearty nature makes it the perfect tree to plant in the wetland areas of Konkel Park.



Tamarack Needles  
(Larix Laricina)

### Project Highlights

The foundation of this restoration project relies on harnessing the power of trees to enhance the quality of Konkel Park and improve the health of Honey Creek.

The trees planted for this project will help:

- Mitigate storm water runoff
- Reduce accumulation of sediments in Honey Creek
- Revitalize polluted or poor quality soils
- Create an attractive parkland



A young Tamarack Tree  
planted at Konkel Park in 2017  
with funds from a related Sweet  
Water Mini Grant.

Konkel Park is the most visited  
park in Greenfield, with the  
Honey Creek walking paths  
serving as a very popular  
attraction.



### Project Location

Konkel Park is located in the heart of Greenfield's newly developed City Center and is situated between Greenfield High School and Edgewood Elementary School.

