

Introduction to Sustainable Gardening Series
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Station Park: A Model for Sustainable Gardening

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What's that green space across from the post office and AKA Bistro? Often called the Peace Park, it's a garden owned by the Town of Lincoln and maintained by volunteers from the Lincoln Garden Club. It is a quiet corner where you can stop for a moment, sit on one of the benches, and look at a wide range of perennials which bloom throughout the seasons.

The Garden Club is using its management of Station Park as an opportunity for all to learn more about sustainable gardening, landscaping, and lawn care. We are dedicated to chemical and pesticide-free gardening, water conservation, sustainable lawn care, and composting. This emphasis on sustainable practices has become even more important as our awareness of environmental impacts has grown. In the process of seeking a healthier, more sustainable environment, we find we are changing our view of what is beautiful in lawns and gardens.

Our most experienced gardeners have written a series of seasonal gardening tips. They have read books, taken classes, made mistakes, and enjoyed successes over their years of gardening in Lincoln. Their short articles are designed to demystify the process of developing sustainable gardening practices. Look for these articles in The Lincoln Journal, on the Garden Club website (www.LincolnGardenClub.org), and in the Sustainable Landscaping section of the Greening Lincoln website (www.GreeningLincoln.org).

We at Station Park and the Lincoln Garden Club invite you to join us in the effort to make our yards and public spaces safe for ourselves, our children, and our pets. We strive to find practical solutions for the problems we face in creating the healthiest environment possible and in keeping Lincoln beautiful. Please look for our programs that are open to the public, join the Garden Club, and come down to Station Park on a workday and help out. We'd love to see you there.

Photo of Station Park accompanied the article

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