
Policy: Low Mow Program

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Following a successful pilot program in 2023, the BPRYCS Department adopted a “Low-Mow” maintenance policy in alignment with the department’s commitment to sustainability and conservation. Park areas are designated “Low-Mow” due to their landscape design, environmental benefit (e.g., erosion control, bio-infiltration, and habitat), low impact on recreation, and underutilization. “Low-Mow” areas are seeded with native vegetation and are mowed once a year in late winter/early spring to encourage reseeding and invasive species management. Paths may be mowed through or around “low-mow” areas in order to encourage passive recreation. Benefits to this approach include improved employee safety, enhanced stormwater management and water quality, increased local plant and wildlife habitat, and reduced fuel usage and emissions. “Low-Mow” areas are reviewed on an annual basis and are labeled with educational signage explaining the program to the public.