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Energy Park spring cleanup on Sunday

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GREENFIELD — Spring is finally here, and the Greenthumbers are inviting everyone to help get the Greenfield Energy Park ready for summer concerts and events. The Greenthumbers volunteer group is offering two spring-cleaning opportunities: Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and May 10, between 9 a.m. and noon. No prior gardening experience needed.

"The Greenfield Energy Park is a jewel of downtown Greenfield," said Nancy Hazard, one of the Greenthumbers. "Its location in downtown Greenfield, the native plantings and renewable energy-themed sculptures and play structures are a perfect setting for picnic lunches, free summer Coop Concerts, and many other events and activities."

Work will be led by Skada Geloi, an experienced gardener and graduate of UMass Landscape Design Program. Some tools will be provided, but helpers are urged to bring their favorite gloves, clippers, rakes or buckets. Tours of the native plantings will be given if requested.

The Greenfield Energy Park, now launching its 13th season, offers free Thursday Coop Concerts, special weekend concerts of folk rock and classical music, private parties, and community celebrations. It is also known for its educational displays and unique native plantings and butterfly garden that do not need summer watering or fertilizer, which have been made possible by donations from the New England Wildflower Society's Nasami Farm and many individuals.

The park is maintained by volunteers and the Greenfield Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments. To schedule an event, or make a donation, call 413-772-1553. For more information, call 774-5667.

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Judy Draper, Wisty Rorabacher and Skada Jeloi, all of Greenfield, pause in their work during Sunday's annual spring cleanup at the Energy Park. (Recorder file/Trish Crapo)

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