



### Creating a Sunflower & Pollinator Park

The City of Barberton, in partnership with local community organizations, invites proposals from qualified firms, nonprofits, and landscape contractors to design, develop, and implement a **Community Sunflower and Pollinator Park** at **Harter Park**. The proposed plan should support the community's vision of creating a vibrant, ecologically sustainable space that supports pollinators, enhances a thriving wildlife habitat, and provides educational and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The City of Barberton's primary focus is to improve the community health, and/or social, structural, and economic drivers that contribute to health outcomes, while reflecting on Barberton's commitment to fostering a strong sense of place aligned with our community values.

The landscape design must balance innovation with functionality, emphasizing community involvement and eco-conscious artistic expression. The chosen candidate will collaborate closely with city officials, community members, and local residents to shape this habitat. This initiative marks Barberton's inaugural commitment to wildlife conservation, in the hopes of joining the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative.

### Project Goals:

- Enhance Harter Park's natural beauty with sunflower fields, walking paths, and seating areas. Establish 4 acres of a diverse pollinator habitats with native wildflowers, sunflowers, and pollinator-friendly plants in the areas marked on Attachment A, creating a walking path throughout the park. The walking path must be at least 8 feet wide. Assess and improve soil health and promote sustainable land management practices.
- Create a welcoming space for families, schools, and community groups to learn about pollinators and promote community engagement and outreach within the landscape design.
- Provide opportunities for volunteer involvement in planting, maintenance, and educational programming.
- Identify potential sites for new conservation efforts

### Scope of Services:

The selected proposer will be responsible for:

- **Design & Planning**
  - Site assessment and preparation.
  - Landscape design incorporating sunflowers, native wildflowers, shrubs, and pollinator-friendly trees.
  - Integration of walking paths, seating, and informational signage.
- **Implementation**
  - Soil preparation, planting, and irrigation installation.
  - Construction of pathways, benches, and educational signage.
  - Coordination with local schools and community groups for planting events.

- **Maintenance Plan**

- Provide a 3–5-year maintenance strategy for plant health, weed control, and seasonal replanting.
- Recommend sustainable practices such as composting, mulching, and minimal pesticide use.

**Application and Evaluation Criteria:**

Interested parties must submit:

- **Qualifications & Experience**

- An overview of the candidate's organizational background, experience with pollinator habitat creation, landscaping, and community projects.
- Resume of key team members and their roles in this project.
- Examples of similar projects completed in other communities (if applicable).

- **Project Approach**

- Submit a detailed work plan for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the proposed sunflower park. Please clarify all working steps in a detailed manner with a clear role of each key staff member.

- **Budget & Timeline Proposal**

- A proposed budget that includes Itemized costs, funding needs, and the proposed allocation of hours and costs associated with each task. In addition, please submit a timeline for the project, with phases identified from planning through completion.

- **Community Engagement Strategy**

- Plans for involving volunteers, schools, and local organizations with the planting, maintenance, and educational programming.

- **References**

- At least three relevant past projects.

**\*SUBMISSION DEADLINE NO LATER THAN 4:00PM ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026\***

**Proposals can be submitted in digital format (PDF) via email to:**

[MShifferly@cityofbarberton.com](mailto:MShifferly@cityofbarberton.com)

Subject Line should read: *Harter Park Sunflower Field*

Or

**Proposals can be submitted in-person Monday – Friday between 8:00am-4:00pm @ Barberton Planning Department located at 576 W. Park Ave. Room 300, Barberton, Ohio 44203.**

**Contact for Questions:**

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**Legend**

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**BUFFERDIS**

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[Yellow]	75
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