



community enhancement - landscaping

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Riverside Naturalization Demonstration Site City of Kamloops

The City of Kamloops wished to reflect shifting public awareness and appreciation of natural landscapes, and address shrinking maintenance budgets through a Naturalization Program. Urban Systems prepared an information panel on the objectives, benefits, costs and methods of naturalizing open spaces used for informal recreation and nature viewing. In addition, we prepared concepts for two demonstration sites in high profile locations in Kamloops.

The City constructed the demonstration site designed for Riverside Park, about 5 minutes from downtown. The project featured introductory signs and smaller information signs about the different treatments, which included:

- 'doing nothing' to let natural processes take over;
- jumpstarting natural succession by tilling and seeding;
- transplanting cuttings; and
- planting container stock of native tree and shrub species.

Visitors follow a looped gravel path through the lush site, and can stop at a number of benches to enjoy views of wildflowers, waving grasses and the birds and butterflies attracted to the improved habitat.



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