

Kirvin Memorial Park Ecological Improvements

Public Information Meeting • 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11
Herberg Middle School, 501 Pomeroy Ave., Pittsfield

Please join the Housatonic River Natural Resources Trustees, the City of Pittsfield and the General Electric Co. for a public meeting and discussion focused on a significant floodplain and habitat restoration and enhancement plan for Kirvin Memorial Park.

A primary objective of the proposed program is to eradicate the invasive species that now dominate the floodplain and replace them with a diverse, native plant community. Wetlands will be expanded and a two-acre pollinator meadow habitat created in a currently disturbed area of the park.

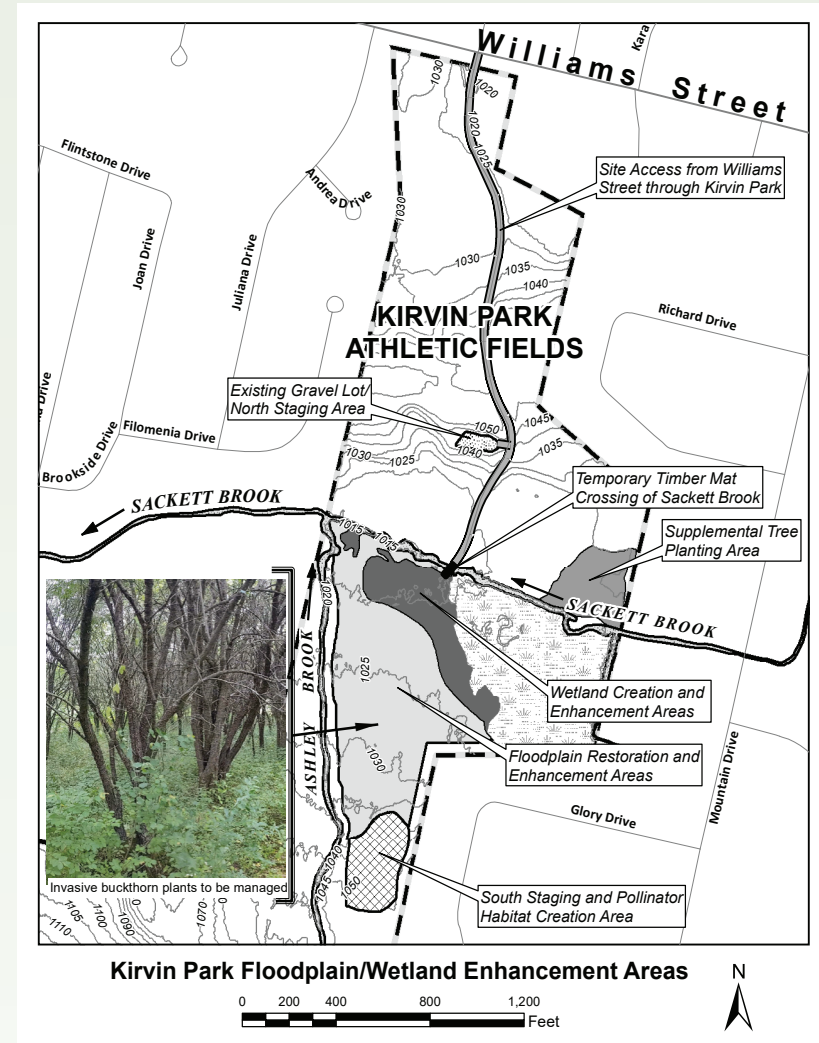
Work is expected to begin with invasive species removal in Fall 2025.
The park will remain open and safe for public use during the duration of the project.

Restoring and Enhancing Natural Habitat

A team of specialists is working to improve the conditions of approximately 17 acres in the floodplain of Sackett and Ashley Brooks in the south end of Kirvin Memorial Park, largely by removing invasive plant species and establishing native vegetation, as well as expanding wetland conditions in a portion of the floodplain area. These invasive plants collectively impair the overall habitat diversity and functions of the ecosystem.

- **PROJECT START DATE:** Fall 2025
- **LOCATION:** 17 acres in the floodplain of Sackett and Ashley Brooks
- **ENHANCEMENTS:** Nearly 7,000 trees and 17,000 shrubs will be planted following removal of invasive plant species
- **PRIVATELY FUNDED**

For more information, please contact parks@cityofpittsfield.org.



INVASIVE SPECIES TO BE REMOVED



COMMON BUCKTHORN



MORROW'S HONEYSUCKLE



ASIAN BITTERSWEET



MULTIFLORA ROSE



GARLIC MUSTARD



BISHOP'S GOUTWEED