

CHARLOTTE FOREST GARDEN



WHAT: The Charlotte Forest Garden will include Michigan native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers to promote environmental awareness and education. The goal is to improve wildlife habitat and biodiversity, promote conservation and sustainability, and to provide free food for the Charlotte community.

WHERE: Phase 1 will involve planting on two acres located in the Samuel A. Combs Industrial Park just off of Parkland Drive in Charlotte. It will include a centrally located white oak tree which will be planted this spring. In the fall of 2024 and spring of 2025, we will plant additional guilds (groupings of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers) as well as restoring one acre of oak/hickory forest, a habitat that has diminished by two-thirds in southern Michigan due to human development.

HOW: The Environment Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs – Charlotte (GFWC), a 501 (c) 3 organization, is taking the lead on this project. We are inviting community partners to become involved by "adopting" a guild or by contributing financial support, donating plants, mulch, and supplies, or giving their time to plant and maintain the garden.

LEARN MORE: An informational meeting will be held on **April 2, 2024 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the First Congregational Church basement at 106 Bostwick Street. Parking is available behind the church with an entrance there.

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