

# Welcome to the Old Settlers' Wildflower Meadow Garden

*Featuring native plant species vital to our local ecosystem*



Monarch butterflies feeds on nectar  
of Rough Blazing Star (*Liatrix aspera*)

## **A Collaboration Between the Leelanau County Park and Recreation Commission, Community Supporters, and the Glen Lake Garden Club.**

A treat to behold! A meadow is an open habitat teeming with grass and wildflowers and offering a changing floral display throughout the growing season. Native meadow gardens attract a multitude of wildlife and support local flora and fauna.

### **Native Plant Meadow gardens:**

- Provide food and shelter for wildlife
  - Seeds, nuts and fruits for squirrels and other mammals
  - Seeds, fruits for insects and birds
  - Nectar for hummingbirds, butterflies and bees
  - Larval host plants for butterfly caterpillars
- Thrive in healthy local soils, without additional compost, fertilizer or topsoil
- Are adaptive; once established, require less water than lawns
- Deep root systems help prevent erosion
- Are low maintenance and help reduce air pollution

### **Consider adding an environmentally friendly meadow garden to your property.**

More information about this garden is available  
on the Leelanau County website:

<https://www.leelanau.cc/oldsettlers.asp>