



*Virginia Bluebell*



*Bloodroot*

## April Blooms in High School Park

Several spring ephemerals grace the woodlands in April and May. These plants complete their entire life cycle—from leafing out to flowering and dying back—in just a few weeks early in spring before the leaves of the trees above them come out and take away much of the sunlight. Evidence of these plants, many less than 12 inches in height, will soon disappear as they spend most of the year hibernating underground. Here's a sample of what you can see at High School Park if you focus on the slopes and woodland floor.



*Celandine Poppy*



*Trillium*



*Trout Lily*

## Our New Plants are Leafing Out

We are pleased to report that an informal inventory of our massive fall planting reveals that the vast majority of the native shrubs and trees volunteers planted survived the winter! Most notably, the shad blow or serviceberry was in full bloom as of mid April; the time when shad swim upriver to spawn. Most other plants are just beginning to show buds and unfurl their leaves. Additional woody plants that need to be planted will arrive in the spring and fall, so check the website and bulletin board for upcoming volunteer work days.



*Basswood*



*Sugar Maple*



*Common Alder*



*Shad Blow*



*Red Maple*

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