Project Description:

The UConn HEEP Pollinator Garden is at the crossroads of a number of trails at the edge of a historical landfill that has been capped and transformed into a raised parking area. Adjacent to the landfill is a largely forested area that is used heavily by students and local community members. The space abstracts the form of a notable pollinator to the area, the Monarch butterfly, into a wing shaped ribbon that weaves and frames an outdoor classroom area, as well as large spaces for pollinator friendly plantings. Due to the garden being visible from above at a lookout point in the parking lot, care is given to make the form inviting both from above and within. The site, just as pollinators do, focuses on the metamorphic process; transforming a previously ecologically unstable area, to a thriving social and educational space.
Analysis and inventory documents of the site conditions
An early concept sketch for the layout
The final site plan for the space
A top view of the garden
An easterly view of the garden
A perspective highlighting the black Monarch style patterning
A perspective highlighting the flow of the encasing ribbon
This palette demonstrates the variety of plants used in the garden as well as their peak bloom times.
This graphic demonstrates how the various plantings attract different pollinators.