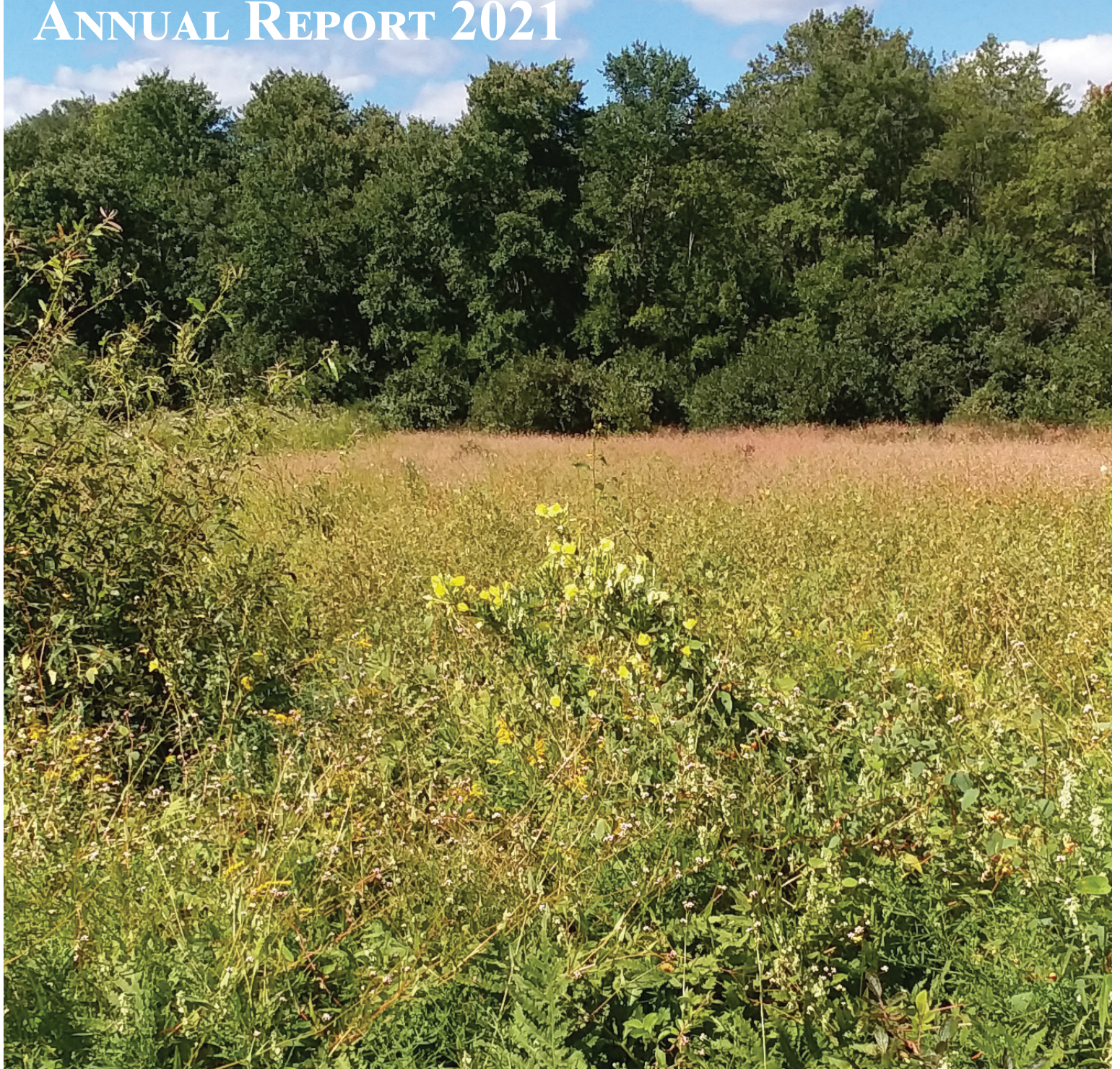
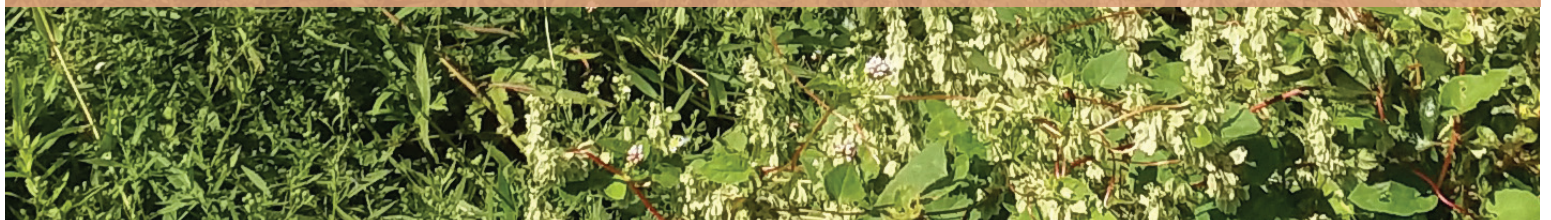


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About the covers:

The meadows at Valley Falls Park are abuzz with bee and butterfly activity, and the birds are ending their summer stay. As of this writing, the golden rod, joe pye weed, fall asters and other native pollinators are healthy and lush, and the march of the invasive plants is being halted - all thanks to a collaborative project between the Friends, the Vernon Parks & Recreation Department, and our wonderful and willing volunteers. We thank Jane Seymour, DEEP Wildlife Biologist who graciously provided advisory assistance; former Conservation Commission Chairmen, Tom Ouellette and Sheryl McMullen who helped draft a management plan for the fields; and the Vernon Greenway Volunteers helped to fund the project. We are very pleased with the results.

Front cover: Fall Meadow, Valley Fall Park - photo by Ann Letendre

Back cover: Nesting Bluebirds, Valley Falls Park Meadows - photo by Tom Ouellette

Inside Back cover: Meadow flowers, Valley Falls Park; Jane Seymour instructing Dave Turkington, invasive plant removal - photos by Ann Letendre





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