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Councilmember Amber Grant, At Large
Councilmember Paloma Wake, At Large
Councilmember Molly Rhodes, Ward 1
Councilmember Jeff Domanski, Ward 2
Councilmember Pam Wetherbee, Ward 3
Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward 4
City Administrator Chris White

**December 9, 2024
7:00 PM
City Council Agenda**

Roll Call

Workshop Agenda Items

1. [Appointment of Nicholas Durso to the Position of Senior Automotive Mechanic](#)
2. [Memorandum of Agreement with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of Beacon, New York, Inc.](#)
3. [Agreement with Brown & Brown, Inc. for NYMIR Insurance Services](#)
4. [Beacon High School Students' Participatory Budgeting Proposals](#)

Announcement of Next Meeting: December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
12/09/2024

Title:

Appointment of Nicholas Durso to the Position of Senior Automotive Mechanic

ATTACHMENTS

[Superintendent of Streets Memorandum Regarding the Promotion of Nicholas Durso](#)

Memorandum

Highway Department



To: Chris White
City Council

From: Michael Manzi

Re: Senior Automotive Mechanic

Date: December 6, 2024

Please be advised that due to the anticipated retirement of the City's current Head Automotive Mechanic, Stephen Bechtold, on January 4, 2025, and the promotion of Peter Delfico to fill that upcoming vacancy, I am requesting to backfill the position of Senior Automotive Mechanic, and recommend that we promote Nicholas Durso to that role.

Nick has been employed with the City of Beacon for almost seven years, and has worked in the mechanic shop over four years. Based on my knowledge of his work product during that time, I am confident that he is the most qualified to assume this position. If approved, this promotion will take effect on January 6, 2025.

The position was budgeted for and had been posted in all City Departments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Manzi", is written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Sincerely
Michael Manzi

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
12/09/2024

Title:

Memorandum of Agreement with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of Beacon, New York, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Memorandum of Agreement with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of Beacon, New York, Inc.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEACON, AND THE PATROLMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF BEACON, NEW YORK, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon (hereinafter the "City") and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of Beacon, New York, Inc. (hereinafter the "PBA") are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement covering the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025 ("CBA"); and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that recruiting police officers with previous experience and/or field training prior to employment with the City is a benefit; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to provide an incentive to recruit such applicants; and

WHEREAS, the City has discussed with the PBA various ways such recruitment can be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the parties now wish to memorialize their discussions relative to recruitment of these applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED, by and between the parties that the following shall constitute an agreement between them:

1. A pilot recruitment plan will be effective upon full execution of this Agreement and shall sunset on December 31, 2025. The terms of the pilot recruitment plan are as follows:
 - a. Any new reinstatement to the ranks of the City's Police Department must be a New York State certified police officer and be immediately ready, upon employment with the City, to enter field training, shall be eligible for a one-time incentive payment in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) after the execution of this Agreement. This incentive is not available to employees who the City hires through canvassing the Dutchess County Civil Service Police Officer list.

- i. The incentive payment shall be paid upon completion of six (6) months of employment with the City and contingent upon being in good standing with the Department. There shall be no pro-ration of the incentive should the recruit leave the employ of the City prior to meeting these conditions.
 - b. Any current PBA member who refers a successful reinstatement candidate who meets the requirements of Paragraph 1.a above shall be eligible for a one-time referral incentive payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).
 - i. The referral incentive payment to the current PBA member for such referral shall be paid upon the reinstated candidate's completion of six (6) months of employment with the City and contingent upon said candidate being in good standing with the Department. There shall be no pro-ration of the incentive should the reinstated candidate leave the employ of the City prior to meeting these conditions.
 - ii. Only one PBA member can be listed as the person who referred the reinstatement candidate to receive this incentive.
 - iii. The PBA member who refers the reinstated employee must provide written notice to the Chief of Police that they are referring the reinstated candidate for employment prior to the candidate submitting an application to the City, and the candidate must corroborate that the PBA member is the referring officer in writing to the Chief of Police during the application process.
- 2. The pilot recruitment plan shall only apply to those reinstated and hired by the City. No previously hired employees that occurred prior to the date of execution of this Agreement are eligible for the incentive payments contained herein.

3. The parties understand and agree that neither this Memorandum of Agreement, nor the terms and conditions set forth herein, shall constitute a precedent.
4. This Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2025. The parties may agree to extend this program prior to this date in writing executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Dated: December __, 2024

PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT
ASSOCIATION OF BEACON, NEW
YORK, INC.

THE CITY OF BEACON

Affdecrin Vargas, President

Christopher White, City Administrator

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
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Title:

Agreement with Brown & Brown, Inc. for NYMIR Insurance Services

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[Brown & Brown, Inc. 2025 Proposal Premium Summary](#)



PROPERTY & CASUALTY

Proposal Prepared for City of Beacon

Policy Period 01/01/2025 - 01/01/2026



Proposal Premium Summary

Line of Business	24/25 Expiring Premium	25/26 Renewal Premium
Commercial Package		
- Property (Incl Boiler/Machinery)	\$92,974.00	\$110,674.00
NY Fire Fee	\$246.16	\$342.74
- Inland Marine	\$32,665.00	\$32,762.00
- Crime	\$6,466.00	\$6,466.00
- General Liability	\$167,699.00	\$188,866.00
- Law Enforcement Liability	\$98,719.00	\$88,678
- Public Officials Liability	\$30,785.00	\$31,441.00
- Cyber Liability	\$7,299.00	Not Included – App Required
Sub-Total	\$436,853.16	\$459,229.74
Owners Contractors Protective Liability (OCP)	\$275.00	\$275.00
Sub-Total	\$275.00	\$275.00
Commercial Auto	\$68,685.00	\$76,962.00
NY MVR Fee	\$710.00	\$690.00
Sub-Total	\$69,395.00	\$77,652.00
Excess Liability	\$53,184.00	\$55,662.00
Sub-Total	\$53,184.00	\$55,662.00
Grand Total	\$559,707.16	\$592,818.74

This quote is valid for (30) days or until the proposed effective date, whichever is first.

Notes:

- TIV is up 19% over 2024
- GL Exposures up 4%
- Law Enforcement Liability has improved experience mod

Subjectivities:

- Completed Cyber Application is required before the carrier will release a Cyber renewal quote. No Cyber coverage will be bound without a completed and signed application.

Binding requirements:

- Written request to bind



This proposal is based upon the exposures made known to the Agency by you and contains only a general description of the coverage(s) and does not constitute a policy/contract. For complete policy information, including exclusions, limitations, and conditions, please refer to your policy. In the event of differences, the policy will prevail.

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
12/09/2024

Title:

Beacon High School Students' Participatory Budgeting Proposals

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City Administrator Memorandum Regarding 2024 Participatory Budgeting Proposals

Softball Fields Participatory Budgeting Presentation

Fitness Community Participatory Budgeting Presentation

KICK Scooters Participatory Budgeting Presentation

Public Restrooms Participatory Budgeting Presentation

Recycling Participatory Budgeting Presentation

Creative Spaces Participatory Budgeting Presentation

Native Gardens Participatory Budgeting Presentation



CITY OF BEACON New York

Christopher White
City Administrator

OFFICE OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR

845-838-5000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kyriacou and City Councilmembers
FROM: Chris White
RE: Recommendation for Participatory Budgeting Funding
DATE: December 6, 2024

Summary: In response to the City's request for proposals from students at the Beacon High School for use of Participatory Budgeting ("PB") funding, the Council received seven thoughtful presentations on December 2, 2024. After consultation with multiple department heads, I recommend that this year's budget of \$10,000 be allocated evenly towards the "Making Creative Spaces" and "Native Gardens" Projects, as requested in Proposals No. 6 and 7 below. In addition to funding these proposals, Mark Price has requested cost quotes for replacement of the softball field fencing (per Proposal No. 1), which the City will consider as a Capital Project outside of the Participatory Budgeting funding.

Overview of Proposals:

1. **Softball Fields Improvement** (Katherine Ruffy/ Sally Betterbid): The proposal highlighted the deteriorating condition of the fencing on the softball fields at Memorial Park. It appears both the supporting post structures and wire mesh require replacement and are beyond repair. The replacement of the fencing highlighted in this proposal will likely exceed the \$10,000 limit, but the Recreation Director and I agree the fence needs replacement. Mark has reached out to a recent fencing vendor to request an estimate for the replacement cost, which can be funded through the use of the Recreation Fund.
2. **Fitness Community** (Jude Betancourt/ Brody Timm): This proposal cited the poor condition of the former tennis court behind the skate park in Memorial Park and recommended installing an outdoor calisthenics area that would improve fitness options for the community. Mark Price and I like the idea of incorporating outdoor fitness areas or stations into the parks since most of the equipment we now have is tailored to children only. However, the location proposed is already being considered for rehabilitation as pickleball courts. We would like to consider other locations, including along the Wilkes Street pathway. The Hudson Valley Rail Trail in Highland has calisthenics stations and could be a model. There is another possible location for an area at South Avenue Park. The City will explore this concept further as we advance improvements in the parks in the future.
3. **KICK Scooters** (Amir Figueroa): This proposal was for the City to purchase 50 electric scooters that would help people get around Beacon at low cost and in an environmentally-friendly manner. After review, the City Attorney does not feel the City is allowed to fund this project. We did have a similar proposal several years ago for a vendor to operate a "scooter-

share” program, akin to a Citi-bike program but for scooters. While interesting, the City’s sponsorship of or partnership in such a program raises concerns about liability for the City, maintenance, recharging logistics, storage in public areas, conflicts with pedestrians on sidewalks, and user safety. There are similar “micro-mobility” programs being tested in other municipalities, but at this time, I do not recommend advancing this proposal.

4. **Public Restrooms** (Kekoa Baysa): This proposal recommended expanding the public restroom facilities that the City already has in parks to areas like Main Street. The City will be installing a new public restroom in South Avenue Park in the Spring, and the cost is several hundred thousand dollars. Further, the City recently reactivated the Welcome Center near Polhill Park in 2024, and opened the bathroom to the public as part of that initiative (and which is supported with regular professional cleaning, as in the park restrooms). Public restrooms on or near Main Street are certainly an amenity that should be considered further in the future, particularly if we move forward with the addition of new pocket parks, such as has been discussed with a potential conversion of Veterans Place to a plaza/ park.
5. **Recycling Expansion** (Nolan Miller): This proposal sought to expand the use of recycling receptacles in public spaces, particularly along Main Street. The City did have recycling on Main Street prior to 2000, but the receptacles were so heavily contaminated, most of the “recycling” ended up being discarded as trash and the service was discontinued. Contamination in recycling is very difficult to address in public areas, particularly where visitors are generating the trash and recyclables. The City recently purchased 60+ new garbage cans for Main Street, which helped to improve both the appearance of these units and the issue of litter on Main Street. All of these units are scheduled to be cleaned and/or painted over the winter. This proposal is not recommended for funding.
6. **Creative Spaces** (Chiara Fedorchak/ Kira Sheehan): This proposal recommended providing opportunities in public spaces for artists to express themselves without adversely impacting buildings or other areas with their street art/ graffiti. The City will be rehabilitating the Skate Park at Memorial Park next spring (per the 2023 PB project submissions), and Mark and I both feel that the inclusion of such “Spaces” in the new park could bring a lot of vitality and interest to the new park. We propose that \$5,000 be allocated for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of large wall installations and cement barriers that can be painted by the community. We would need to set some basic ground rules (such as no hate speech or obscene images) but otherwise recommend trying this as a pilot where people can mark up the wall and barriers (and other elements at the skate park) in any way that inspires them.
7. **Native Gardens** (Anabelle Arginsky/ Taryn Beardsley/ Anastasia Santise): This proposal envisioned the creation of new public spaces with native plantings through which residents could wander to enjoy nature. In the past, the City has partnered with the Pollinator Pathway group on several installations of native flower and plant patches, and most recently, planted a pollinator patch at Hiddenbrook Park along the road frontage. Mark and I propose to allocate \$5,000 towards building upon the Native Garden at Hiddenbrook. This will include seeding and allowing the meadow to grow up in native wild flower species, with walking paths cut around the perimeter and through the field. Funding would be used for additional plantings, bench areas, and other amenities to make this a more welcoming space for residents to enjoy.

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Capstone Project

By Katherine Ruffy & Sally Betterbid

Our issue

- Our idea is to improve the public softball fields at Memorial Park.
- We need this because at least 3 teams use these fields per week, ranging from girls ages 4-18; the Beacon Rec, Beacon Xtreme, and our Modified & JV teams from the middle school and high school. Multiple adult leagues/teams also occupy these fields throughout the year. The fences are constantly breaking and falling, causing a safety hazard, specifically toward the younger girls.

Examples of damaged fences at Memorial







Our fields also flood really bad after any rainfall, making it hard for girls to practice outside during the spring when it's raining often



Analyzing our issue

- What has been done to address the issue? Very minor (temporary) improvements have been made throughout the years, fences continue to be damaged and fall apart.
- Why does the issue exist? Because of the excessive use by the numerous teams and players using the fields each week.
- Why hasn't the problem been addressed yet? Because it has been overlooked and possibly seen as not important or relevant to Beacon sports and/ or the community.

Strategies and Solutions to the problem

- What is your solution to the problem? Install new fences around the first and third base lines to ensure the safety of players.
- Our plan- We would buy 2-4 fencing kits, each kit can accommodate for one field (there are 4 fields), 2 kits would be under our budget (\$8,384), but if we want to do more than two fences we would need a higher budget. We also need to hire people to install the fence kits which would be paid by with the rest of the money in our budget.

<https://www.hooverfence.com/chain-link-sideline-fencing-kits>

Sideline fence kits are made entirely of high quality commercial grade materials. Kits ship complete. Each kit includes all HF40 terminal posts, HF40 line posts, and HF40 top rail. 200' of 9 gauge galvanized chain link is also included - enough to stretch a sideline fence 100' down 1st base line and 3rd base line.

Fence example from the fencing kit



Summary

We hope that these fences get approved in order to improve the safety concerns that come with them. Young girls as little as 4 are playing on fields with fences with jagged pieces sticking out, unattached poles (that are supposed to keep the fence up), and cement coming out of the pole posts. The softball community means a lot to us as we've been involved in Beacon softball for over 10 years, and experiencing these fencing issues since we began. We both played for Beacon Xtreme on these fields three times a week for 6+ years, and saw little to no improvement of the fields our entire time. Not only do we hope to improve fields for safety concerns, we also want the improvements to hopefully bring more young girls into Beacons softball foundation.

HOW A FITNESS COMMUNITY CAN HELP BEACON NY

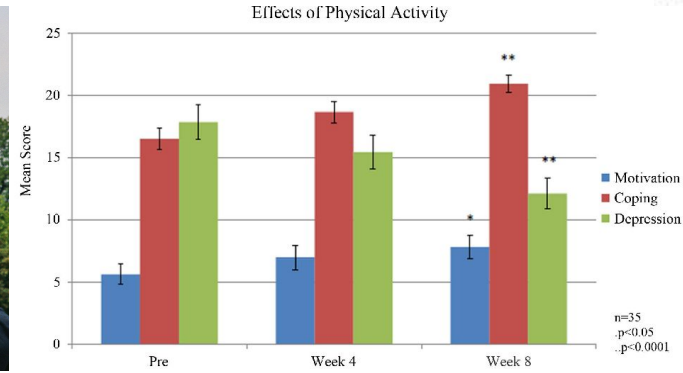


Figure 1. The effect of the physical activity program on measures of participants' self-reported



By: Jude Betancourt, Brody Timm

THE PROBLEM

The tennis court Next to the skate park.

- Waste of space
- Unappealing to see
- Cracks in the ground
- Could be dangerous



THE SOLUTION

We turn it into a outdoor calisthenics gym with different equipment.

- For anyone to use along with easy access
- Bring a different community together
- Relatively cheap to build



WHERE TO START

- First of all it would needed to be cleaned, there many shards of glass and rusty poles and whatnot.
- There is multiple very large cracks in the floor that would have to be filled before the installation of the bars.

BENEFITS OF CALISTHENICS

- If you say you are going to do your weight lifting exercises at home, you will need to buy equipment like dumbbells and the likes.
- If you do your weight lifting workout at the gym, you will need to pay the subscription fee.
- You do not experience any of these expenses when it comes to calisthenics.
- Calisthenics help burn excess fat in two various ways
- Exercises which calisthenics are part off, your body continues burning calories for hours, sometimes up to 24 hours.
- With strength training, you burn fewer calories per session but the calorie burn continues after the workout. This in turn helps you burn calories and lose weight.

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THE BUDGET (\$10,000)

Our idea is to build this Calisthenic Park out of what used to make the playground in memorial, This is beneficial because not only is it very accessible it's affordable.

- Use the playground materials
- Enhance for use of bigger people
- Get jacked



WORK CITED

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Participatory Budget Idea - KICK Scooters

Amir Figueroa



Outline

1. What Are Kick scooters?
2. What Kick scooters provide for Beacon
3. Why Kick scooters would be beneficial to Beacon

What are Kick Scooters?

Kick scooters are low cost scooters that are an affordable means of transportation across a city. They provide a fun means of transportation. These scooters are electric & help with the environment.



What Kick scooters provide for Beacon

In beacon there is much busy traffic. Especially throughout Main St. Kick scooters also can help those get from the train station to the City of Beacon. The Kick Scooters would create an easier flow of traffic as well as cutting down the use of public transportation.



More Info About Kick Scooters

Q&A:

How much would a scooter cost?

- An electric scooter on average costs around \$300

How many does the city needs?

- >50 scooters would be a good amount to start off with

Could the town profit from this?

- The city can make a revenue from the cost of the scooter being used, they are charged per minute.

Link to start setup: <https://www.kickride.co/fleet>

Why Kick scooters would be beneficial to Beacon

These scooters are electric, so they don't create pollution in the environment. Scooters are also a good affordable option throughout Beacon for those who don't have cars. Many of the scooters can be used by those in Beacon.



Seal of Civic Readiness

Kekoa Baysa

The inclusion of more,

Public restrooms

Beacon has already exercised public restrooms



But let's take them out of the parks...

...and put them in the spotlight



Why?

My sophomore summer



Encouraging people to spend more time outside 43

Helps nearby businesses

Creates a better flow for
people walking down
mainstreet



Creates jobs



Installation Plumbing Sanitation



Gives artists a way to express themselves

Murals

Hire students?



Help beacon become a more accessible place, by doing one simple thing.



It's time to modernize

Capstone Project Idea

By: Nolan Miller

My issue (Look at your community - school, city, town, neighborhood, etc - and identify a problem

- My proposal is that there should be more recycling areas in the city of Beacon
- We need this because it'll promote recycling, while also keeping the city clean

Current status/research

- Lack of recycling bins
- There could be a way to make the current trash bins to look more pleasant



Analyze the issue

- While there are trash bins around main street, there aren't a lot in places outside of there, like around the memorial park or around neighborhoods
- I'm sure that people do throw away recyclable items, but that isn't the goal here, because there are dozens of different items that COULD be recycled, but there is no area to do so

Strategies and Solutions to the problem

- For a solution, there could be separate bins in addition to the already existing trash bins
- Recycling bins shouldn't cost too much, no more than 10k, so they can be placed around the city relatively easily

Summary

In conclusion, I think that recycling bins would be a good addition to the city of Beacon to encourage others to recycle, while also doing good for the environment and the image of the city.

Making Creative Spaces for Artists

Chiara Fedorchak, Kira Sheehan

Why?

We want to create spaces where anyone can express themselves for free. I want to build walls at four specific locations where people can do this: Memorial park, greenstreet park, Beacon recreation, and the entrance to the train station. Expressing yourself through art is a very popular thing in our city and helps people going through hard times.

Where the idea started:



Location idea #1 : Skate Park



Idea 2 : Buy another bus





Location 3: Green street park.



Location 4: Entrance
to train station



Why i think this would be a good idea:

While the population of residence in Beacon many people are moving here for the art. With the city being under construction we have seen how artists have been expressing themselves on in the devieders. This could cut down on the buildings being decafed by graffiti.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJxQy3PS090>



Native Gardens in Beacon

By Anabelle Arginsky, Taryn Beardsley, and Anastasia Santise



The Problem



- Green spaces in Beacon aren't very abundant or accessible to the public
- We don't have very many gardens or areas where native plants can grow
- Lack of free public spaces (whether green or not) for teenagers and adults to exist and escape to for leisure
 - Many of the public spaces in Beacon are geared towards tourism, which can drive locals away. Many locals feel that they don't have many places to go.
 - The spaces that *do* exist are mostly focused on children, and most do not allow access for pets. Those that are not focused on young children are more for activity than leisure, leaving minimal outdoor spaces to go for leisure or focus (like cafes are often used for).

Our Idea

Our idea is to create multiple gardens throughout the city, which include native plants and flowers, and areas where everyone can enjoy the beauty of Beacon.





Current Research



- Native flowers increase scenic value
- Native plants are helpful for the soil
- No fertilizer needed, so it's healthier
- Conserve water - most native plants require little
- Increase biodiversity and aid pollinators which are in dire need
- Low maintenance, but also provides volunteer jobs/positions
- Takes root and returns each year for a long time (perennial)
- Spending time outdoors is beneficial for health ([harvard.edu](https://www.harvard.edu))
 - Mental health (concentration, happiness, etc.)
 - Vitamin D levels
 - Exercise (especially in children)
 - Injuries heal faster

Analysis of Issue

The Green Beacon Coalition works with private landowners to plant native flowers and shrubs.

Beacon is already a green city: silver-level NY Certified Climate Smart Community beaconny.gov. Many don't realize that there are still issues to be addressed.

Solution

- Create public gardens with native species that are welcoming to pollinators, pets and people
- Potential Locations
 - Fishkill overlook falls
 - Empty lot next to The Green Room Beauty Lounge
 - Empty lot on Spring St. across from Barb's Butchery

Strategies

- Ask volunteers, community service groups, and farmers to help by volunteering their tools, experience and time
- Clear out weeds and invasive plants
- Plant at least 5 species of native growth in each plot
 - Shrubs, flowering plants and perennials
 - Refresh the soil by adding natural fertilizers and compost (talk to Beacon compost group)
 - Add small paths of either stone or mulch

Budget

Ideally no land would need to be purchased

- **Natural fertilizer (city compost)**
- **Seed**
 - Asters
 - Goldenrods
 - Milkweed
 - Butterfly weed
 - Zinnias
 - Bayberry
- **Stone** (for pathways)
- **Tools** (garden and construction)



Pre-Timeline

Prior to beginning the garden development, the **status** of the plots must be established:

- Who is in charge?
- What is it currently used for?
- Does it need to be purchased?

Post-Timeline

The goal is to have at least one public pollinator garden up and running and open to the public by **September 2026**

Timeline

Gather a Working Group

- Volunteers
- NHS
- Green Teen
- Green Beacon Coalition
- Community sign-ups
- Rec. Center

Create Work Schedule

The schedule will outline what work will be done, when, where, and who will be doing each task.

Begin: Planting and Building

- Which plants for which plots?
- Planting season?
- Required tools and materials?
- Spring (May)

2025

Confirm the Selection of Plants and Garden Features

The desire is to produce gardens that are as colorful as possible, and attract the largest and widest variety of pollinators possible.

2026

Begin: Clearing and Preparing Land

- Thinning some locations *may* be necessary
 - ◆ Using wood for benches??
- Natural debris for fertilizer??
- Spring (March/April)

Set up a Maintenance Schedule

In order to keep these gardens alive and flourishing, a reliable and attentive team is necessary to maintain the land.



Summary

The goal is to create multiple green spaces throughout the city for people of all ages to enjoy, without prohibiting pets or requiring admission fees. Our hope is to have at least one garden open to the public beginning the Summer of 2026, through the efforts of volunteers and local organizations. Eventually we would like to see benches and even water fountains added to the garden(s).

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