

Beautification and Trees

Update

COJ Team | September 18, 2023

A variety of projects are underway.

Planning, Public Works, and Parks staff have been meeting to clarify collaborative roles and duties across various efforts from beautification and project enhancements, to tree planting and removals.

Beautification enhancements are considered in each project going forward regardless of Department

Time has been focused on defining projects, procedures, and funding sources.

Beautification Efforts

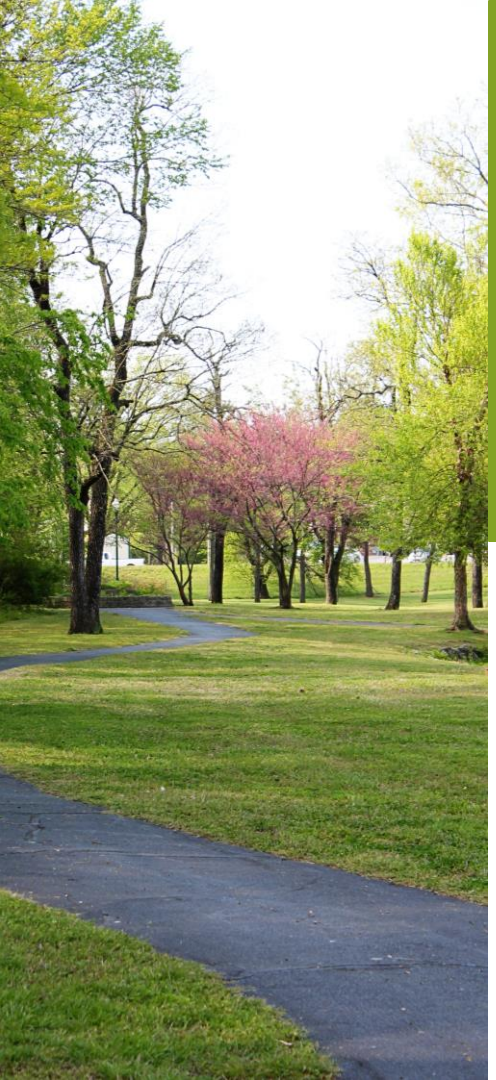
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Parks Operations



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- Staff have developed branded park and trail wayfinding under beautification planning—to be presented to Council under Issues and Options
- Currently finalizing the Parks Maintenance Plan—September target draft completion , funded under Beautification PSST
- One Park Ranger Truck still on order—one Park Beautification/Maintenance Truck and one Park Ranger Truck received



Parks and Public Works

Current Public Works and Parks Efforts

- 4th & Murphy (CIST)
- 10th & Main (9^{th}-14^{th} project) (TST/CIST)
- Tin Cup Trail (PSST)
- Grand Falls Trail and Overlook (PSST/MDC)
- Gateway Signage branding updates – Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Banner Management Program planning

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Tree Removals

- Currently developing a prioritized removal list for dead/dying trees. Considering visibility, safety, staff capacity, and budgeted funds.
- Priorities
  - Right-of-Way Trees – city installed and unrealistic care
  - Parks and other city-owned properties and priorities
- Downtown Streetscape (2nd-9th) (9th-14th) and South Main (15th-32nd)
  - Initial removals by staff from 15th-32nd took place week of 8/18/23



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Tree Planting and Maintenance Procedure

- Staff developed a Tree Procedure to be utilized consistently across city departments – Tree Board reviewing
- The procedure focuses on planting method and includes a consistent maintenance and care standard.
- We utilized our On-call Arborist Contractor to assist in recommending maintenance best-practices and industry standards.
- Developed a proposal for pilot tree replacement project

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Policy and Procedures

- Consistent use of Tree Planting Procedures across Departments/Contracts
- Landscape installation should be audited as part of all regular publicly bid project inspections
- Get Tree Care into annual budget(s) and ops cycles
- Ensure Council and Tree and Park Boards are engaged in the process
- Council and each Department updated regularly



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Main Street Planting
Pilot Project Proposal

- In 2021, Public Works identified and removed eight downtown Main Street trees - major effort completed under current staff capacities.
- Parks Department ordered trees and a contracted nursery replanted eight in the spring of 2022.
- Staff received the Arborist Report and replanting recommendations on remaining from 2nd – 32nd
- Presented to Prop Action on September 6, 2023 - advanced

Main Street Pilot Project

Staff are recommending utilizing Use Tax Beautification Funds to complete the removal and replanting effort along Main Street from 2nd – 32nd Street.

- Cost estimate is removal and replacement of Bradford Pears (34) and dead or dying trees (22) from 2nd- 9th and 15th -32nd Streets.
- Existing Tree Boxes are right-sized and open bottom for root expansion.
- Right Tree in the Right Location
- Includes 2-year maintenance and watering (critical)
- If approved, will proceed to bidding and intend planting fall 2023.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
56	1-2” replacement tree	$300	$16,800
56	Topsoil replacement	$20	$1,120
56	Soil Amendment add on	$10	$560
112 hours	Tree Box electrical repair (2 hr. estimate/tree)	$120	$13,440
56	Soil removal/ box clean out	$350	$19,600
112 hours	Planting Labor (2 hr. estimate/tree)	$50	$5,600
34	Main street tree removal (2nd-7th Street)	$700	$23,800
50 hours	Minor sidewalk repairs (@ $50 hr.) and materials		$5,000
	2 year bi-weekly watering + RS all main street trees	$300	$28,800
	10% Contingency		$14,720
		ESTIMATED AMOUNT	**$129,440**



Questions?