
Dear Bryant Avenue Residents,

Our Bryant Avenue rain garden restoration project has finished work for the season. This fall, our contractor cut down vegetation in rain garden basins as well as some nearby unmaintained boulevards to be sure these did not encroach on the rain gardens. Mowing is considered standard maintenance for native plantings with no herbicides applied in the process. This mowing will prepare the basins for next spring's restoration work.

Moving forward, the City will only be responsible for rain garden maintenance, with the maintenance of all remaining boulevard areas being the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

A map of rain garden basins is available on our project webpage. Only rain garden basins will be maintained by the City.

What's next?

- **Winter 2024–2025:** Contractor will grow a selection of native plants in their greenhouse to ensure healthy, successful plants are ready for spring.
- **March/April:** Finish the planting plans for the 15,000 plants going into nearly 100 gardens. This is no small task so the City staff will be working with the contractor to finalize the plans for each rain garden.
- **April–May:** Garden prep crews will finish the removal of weeds and invasive plants, perform some minor grading, and install the garden bypasses (sandbags). The sandbags will remain in for most of the year until the plants have sufficiently rooted.
- **Early May:** Double-shredded hardwood mulch will be applied throughout all planting areas to keep weeds at bay, retain moisture, and keep the soils cool.
- **June:** Let the planting begin! We expect the first gardens to be planted in June with exact dates for the plantings dependent on weather.
- **June/July:** Community pollinator planting event, stay tuned for more details
- **2025 growing season:** City contractor will continue to weed, water, and maintain the new vegetation.



Our plants waiting for their trip to Bryant Avenue later this spring.

What can you do?

Let's stay connected as we work toward completing this important project.

- Visit the project page [here](#)
- Call **311** for any concerns
- Contact the SWS Regulatory section team at waterresources@minneapolismn.gov or paul.chellsen@minneapolismn.gov

We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work towards completing this important project on Bryant Avenue. Your support is vital as we strive to improve our community for all residents.

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact 311.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users can call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

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