

Dear Neighborhood Residents,

The rain gardens on Bryant Avenue were planted with a mix of seed, plants and cover crop which yielded mixed results. The City will be restoring the vegetation in the rain gardens. Learning from other projects, we've opted for larger potted plants for this restoration as they offer several advantages:

- Easier to weed, requiring much less care initially.
- Already rooted so the plants will establish quickly.
- Less exposed to stress than seeds, which can be vulnerable to external stressors.
- Improve soil structure, aeration, and water and nutrients.
- Can be more intentional with planting plant species that thrive in sun and shade.

For this restoration, we will be using 3-4 inch container plants that were grown especially for this project. We have chosen a selection of short-grass prairie, savanna, and wetland species for this project. Between 10-15 species will be chosen for this project from the plant list on our project webpage.

As the project begins, we will follow up with more information on the specific locations and scheduling details. Plus, we will share information about any possible neighborhood rain garden planting events and other outreach events! **Stay tuned.**

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## What's next?

- October 2024: Invasive vegetation will be removed, and soil grading will occur.
- Late Fall 2024: Rain gardens will be mulched, weather permitting.
- Spring 2025: Rain gardens will be planted.
- 2025 growing season: City contractor will weed, water, and maintain vegetation.

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## What can you do?

Contact Surface Water and Sewers if you have plants in the rain garden that you would like to preserve.

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## For more information:

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

- Call **311** for any concerns.
- Visit the project page [here](#)
- Contact Surface Water and Sewers: Paul Chellsen at [waterresources@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:waterresources@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.



Rain garden basins along Grand Avenue, restored spring 2024