

## Grand Avenue Rain Garden Restoration Project Update

April 29, 2024

Spring has arrived and we have begun work on the nearly 200 basins that line Grand Avenue between 31<sup>st</sup> Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Streets. Earlier this month contractors began removing invasive vegetation, smoothing out remaining rough areas to reduce steep slopes and cleaning out excessive leaves and trash. Meanwhile our plants for this project have been quietly growing all winter in our contractor's greenhouse, last we checked they are on schedule and growing vigorously.



*Our plants waiting for their trip to Grand Ave later this spring.*

### What's Next

#### Late April

**Planting Plans** Over 15,000 plants going into nearly 200 gardens is no small task. The contractor will be working with City Staff to firm up the plans for each rain garden.

#### Late April – Early May

**Complete Garden Prep** Crews will be completing the removal of invasive plants, grading, and securing the garden bypasses (sandbags). The sandbags will remain in for most of the year until the plants have sufficiently rooted.

#### Early May

**Mulching May** Double Shredded hardwood mulch will applied throughout all planting areas.

#### Early May – June

**Let the Planting Begin** We expect the first gardens to be planted in early May, exact dates for the plantings will be dependent on weather and garden location garden.

#### June 1

**Pollinator Planting Event** Please save the date for the Grand Avenue Community Planting Event. Join us June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 at 34<sup>th</sup> and Grand (Lyndale Elementary School). You can come and learn how to plant native plants then enjoy some refreshments and then help us plant some of the stormwater basins on Grand. In addition to the planting attendees will learn about the restoration project as well as other Public Works Programs including [Adopt a Drain](#), [Catch Basin Stenciling](#) and [Recycling](#).

## June – October

**Maintenance** A successful planting doesn't end when the plants go in the ground. Our crews will be weeding mulching watering and tending to the gardens throughout the year to assure their success.

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

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