

Old Village Gardens

PLANTING PROJECT

MAY 6TH, 2025



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Project Overview

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PROJECT PURPOSE

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GOALS OF THE WORK

- » Beautification recommended by Connect Lake Elmo (September 10th, 2024 council workshop)
- » Inform the general public, local residents and businesses of the proposed work and obtain their feedback about planting preferences
- » Update and refresh the planting beds to make more inviting
- » Select site-appropriate plants and improve beds for successful establishment



SPECIES SELECTION

Species Selection

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PREFERENCES

- » Worked with Connect Lake Elmo to promote and hold an Open House at the Lake Elmo Library on April 3rd
- » Presented three separate planting schemes based on those originally presented by Connect Lake Elmo
- » Open House was well-attended by more than two-dozen people who weighed in on their hopes for the project
- » Feedback was also received from business owners who were not able to attend



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for a Special
Community Engagement Event:

THE CITY OF
LAKE ELMO

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CONNECT LAKE ELMO
Our Community

THE OLD VILLAGE GARDENS PROJECT
- Improvements to the Main Street Business District on Lake Elmo Avenue -

Thursday, April 3

4:30 - 6:30 pm | Lake Elmo Library
3537 Lake Elmo Ave N
(Meeting Rooms A+B)

- Review proposed design options
- Share feedback on your favorite plan
- Learn more about project objectives, timeline and the maintenance plan

More information: www.ConnectLakeElmo.org
(with links to City of Lake Elmo resources)

Species Selection

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PREFERENCES

» What We Heard:

- » People are excited to see this streetscape being revitalized!
- » Locals emphasized the importance of investments in maintenance of these planting beds
- » Overall, people preferred the use of pollinator-friendly species and liked the spread of blooms throughout all seasons



Species Selection

POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY SPECIES. SEASONAL INTEREST.

- » Spring: Darwin Hybrid Tulips
 - » Early Summer: Butterfly Milkweed
 - » Late Summer: Rough Blazingstar
 - » Fall: Autumn Joy Sedum
 - » Filler & Winter Interest: Prairie Dropseed and Sea Green Juniper
- » Simple plant palette for easy maintenance
 - » Drought tolerant when established
 - » Salt and pollution resistant

PLANT IMAGE SCHEDULE:



COMMON NAME:
ARMSTRONG FREEMAN
MAPLE
BOTANICAL NAME:
ACER X FREEMANII
'ARMSTRONG'



COMMON NAME:
GLADIATOR CRABAPPLE
BOTANICAL NAME:
MALUS x ADSTRINGENS
'DURELO' PP20167



COMMON NAME:
ESPRESSO KENTUCKY
COFFEE TREE
BOTANICAL NAME:
GYMNOCLADUS DIOICUS
'ESPRESSO-JFS'



COMMON NAME:
SEA GREEN JUNIPER
BOTANICAL NAME:
JUNIPERUS x PFITZERIANA
'SEA GREEN'



COMMON NAME:
PRAIRIE DROPSEED
BOTANICAL NAME:
SPOROBOLUS
HETEROLEPIS



COMMON NAME:
BUTTERFLY WEED
BOTANICAL NAME:
ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA



COMMON NAME:
AUTUMN JOY SEDUM
BOTANICAL NAME:
SEDUM SPECTABILE 'AUTUMN JOY'



COMMON NAME:
ROUGH BLAZING STAR
BOTANICAL NAME:
LIATRIS ASPERA



COMMON NAME:
DARWIN HYBRID TULIPS
BOTANICAL NAME:
TULIPA DARWIN HYBRID

Tree Plantings

PHASING

- » Spoke with Washington County engineers about tree planting considerations
- » Three trees included in planting beds for this year where soil volumes are most favorable and utility conflicts are minimal
- » We have identified space for two additional trees along Lake Elmo Avenue N that could be added in 2026
 - » Will require hardscape work to create new planting beds
- » Three existing trees along Lake Elmo Avenue are smaller ornamental species that don't accomplish the desired site lines
 - » Should be relocated and replaced with larger shade tree species



QUOTES

Quotes

INSTALL AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

- » Reached out to three local landscaping companies following the Open House
 - » Margolis (highest install, lowest maintenance)
 - » Hoffman & McNamara (lowest install, highest maintenance)
 - » Pioneer Landscaping (medium install, medium maintenance)
- » Annual Maintenance and Watering:
 - » 3 weeding/cutting/cleanup visits
 - » Watering visits as needed

	Margolis	Hoffman & McNamara	Pioneer
2025 Installation Quote	\$45,315	\$33,790	\$37,078
Annual Maintenance Quote	\$1,570* <small>*2,595 for mulch replenishment</small>	\$2,153* <small>*2,294 for mulch replenishment</small>	\$2,886* <small>*1,200 for mulch replenishment</small>
Watering Quote / Visit	\$375	\$714	\$485
Install + 3 years Maintenance (assumes 1 mulch replenishment, 4 watering visits / year)	\$57,120	\$51,123	\$52,756

References



Motion Options:

- » Approve Plan as presented by HKGI, contract XXX to complete the improvements and for future annual maintenance
- » Approve Plan as presented by HKGI and contract XXX to complete the improvements without future maintenance
- » Direct staff to Amend plan and return with proposals
- » Table for more discussion

Recommendation:

“MOTION TO APPROVE THE OLD VILLAGE GARDEN IMPROVEMENT PLANS AS PROPOSED BY HKGI AND CONTRACT XXX FOR REMOVAL, INSTALLATION AND FUTURE PROFESSIONAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE FIVE OLD VILLAGE GARDENS ALONG LAKE ELMO AVE. NOT TO EXCEED \$XXX IN 2025.”

