

**August 12, 2020**

## **APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC CIRCLE GARDEN**

17<sup>TH</sup> ST. & MADISON ST. TRAFFIC CIRCLE, LA CROSSE, WI

Dear Mr. Trussoni,

We appreciate your review of this application to plant a garden in our neighborhood traffic circle, at the intersection of Madison St. and 17<sup>th</sup> St. in La Crosse. The origin of this neighborhood garden project is to provide an enduring tribute to Anthony Fimple, our 19-year-old neighbor who was a victim of a terrible homicide in June 2020. The garden will be visible to his surviving family from their front door. We intend to include a simple, small carved memorial stone in the garden.

We have included in this application a plan for the garden design, utilizing plants that are native to our area, low maintenance, and no taller than 30". We are also aware of the need to easily access the manholes in the traffic circle and have accommodated for that in our plan.

Pending approval of our application, we would collectively begin the work of preparing and then planting the garden during the last week of August and into September. Sharing the labor across several families in our neighboring community, we are prepared to do all of the work required, including:

- Removing the sod
- Hauling and digging in compost to prepare the beds
- Plotting the planting zones
- Purchasing, storing, and transplanting the plants
- Hauling and distributing wood chips
- Maintaining the garden (e.g., watering and weeding)

The broader neighborhood has been notified of this plan, including the Weigent Neighborhood Association and all of the households surrounding the traffic circle. We have received nothing but support from all parties.

We will gladly attend the August 20 meeting of the La Crosse Parks, Forestry, Building and Grounds to field any questions and discuss this plan further. In the interim, please do not hesitate to reach out directly with any questions, concerns, or requests for further details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Kiersch', written on a light blue grid background.

*Christa Kiersch, On behalf of the 17<sup>th</sup> & Madison Neighborhood Community*

# PLAN FOR DESIGN OF GARDEN AND PLANTS

The landscape design is based heavily on the “HTLNA Traffic Circle Pollinator Garden Design” distributed by the City Engineering Department and attached here. The garden is enclosed within a traffic circle of 25-foot diameter.

The plants were selected for year-round interest, salt tolerance, hardiness, and maximum height of less than 3 feet. A list of native plants is included, coded for their seasonal blooming. Suppliers have already been identified who can provide the native plants, and planting will begin in late August and early September 2020, probably completed in the spring 2021. Estimated prices are included for the plants, though based on initial discussion with suppliers this estimate is likely high. A team of volunteers has been recruited to clear the sod, prepare the bed with compost, and install the nursery-grade plants.

There is one change to the HTLNA design. The landscape design as provided does not indicate manhole covers. Our plan adjusts to include two manhole covers (24” and 27”). A 3-foot-wide pathway will cut into the circle from the curb for 187 inches to include both manhole covers so that easy access is provided for city maintenance. The pathway will be free of plants.

# HTLNA TRAFFIC CIRCLE POLLINATOR GARDEN DESIGN

## HTLNA Traffic Circle Pollinator Garden Design Plant List



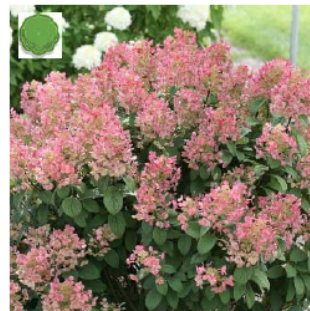
Allium 'Summer Beauty'



Lamb's ear



Amsonia 'Blue Ice'



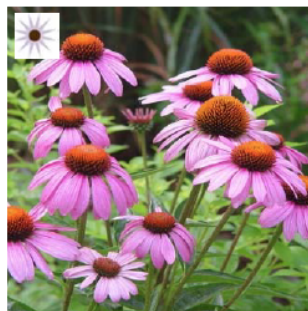
Hydrangea 'Little Quickfire'



Yellow Butterflyweed



Hydrangea 'Bobo'



Purple coneflower



Little bluestem



Siberian Iris



Yellow coneflower



Sedum 'Autumn Fire'

Spring interest

Summer interest

Fall interest

	Quantity	Price per Unit	Total
Allium 'Summer Beauty'	21	\$15	\$315
Amsonia 'Blue Ice'	14	\$15	\$210
Butterfly weed 'Yellow'	4	\$15	\$60
Hydrangea 'Bobo' dwarf variety	3	\$60	\$180
Hydrangea 'Little Quickfire' dwarf variety	3	\$60	\$180
Lambs' ear 'Big Ears'	7	\$15	\$105
Little bluestem 'Prairie Blues'	9	\$20	\$180
Purple coneflower 'Kim's knee-high'	3	\$15	\$45
Sedum 'Autumn Fire'	8	\$20	\$160
Siberian iris 'Caesar's brother'	6	\$15	\$90
Yellow coneflower 'Sombrero' or 'Harvest Moon'	4	\$15	\$60
TOTAL			\$1,585

### HTLNA Traffic Circle Pollinator Garden Design

