

# About the Program

# Important Notes

Beautify La Crosse invites citizens to take part in creating a more aesthetically pleasing and sustainable landscape throughout the City of La Crosse.

- 50% of the plants used in new planting must be native to our area.
- Planting projects require a three-year minimum commitment
- Plantings must not interfere with sidewalks or roadways
- Fire hydrants and utility lines must be accessible and visible at all times
- Plantings in road boulevards are restricted in height to 30 inches or less (not including trees)
- The city reserves the right to require the removal of unkempt or abandoned installations.
- Prohibited changes include, but are not limited to, fencing installation, paving, recycled asphalt, brick pavers, concrete, landscaping gravel, exposed aggregate, etc.
- The City is not responsible for restoring damage caused by street maintenance, drainage and utility construction, and snowplowing.
- Improvements that interfere with the performance of City operations or public utilities may be ordered for removal.
- Guidance documents for this program can be found at: [www.bit.ly/BeautifyLaCrosse](http://www.bit.ly/BeautifyLaCrosse)

The program aims to engage the community in various activities such as tree planting, community gardening, and beautification projects. By working together, residents will be able to make a positive impact on the environment and create a more vibrant and livable city.

The City of La Crosse hopes that this program will inspire residents to take ownership of their community and work towards a more beautiful and sustainable future for all.

## City of La Crosse Beautify La Crosse



## Questions?

City of LaCrosse  
**Parks, Recreation & Forestry**






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## Available Areas

-  Boulevards
-  Medians
-  Traffic Circles
-  Landscaped Garden Beds
-  Open Green Spaces

Do you have an alternate location in mind? Call the Parks and Recreation Department to confirm availability

## Approval Process

### Step 1

- Identify the area which you would like to enhance, and create a simple design describing your project area and plan enhancements.

### Step 2:

- Submit your completed application to the Parks and Forestry Department to begin the initial review.

### Step 3

- Following the Parks Departments Initial review, the application will be reviewed by the City of La Crosse Engineering and Community Risk Management Departments.

### Step 4

- The application will be submitted to the Board of Parks Commissioners for final approval. \*For reference the Board meets on the third Thursday of the month. To avoid unintended delays; applications should be submitted early in the month to allow time for departmental staff review in advance of the final review by the Board of Parks Commissioners\*

### Step 5

- Once approved, get started with your plantings and enhancements right away!



## Project Ideas



Plant a micro-prairie in your boulevard



Establish a rain garden



Adopt a planter box in a park or landscaped area



Plant native vegetation in traffic circles



Develop a pollinator garden in your neighborhood

