Veteran’s Memorial Park Display Garden

An Educational and Display Lawn Alternative Project

Planting—Fall of 2023

This area was initially a garden bed, but evolved into a mowed area. It is 60 x 15 ft

This garden will be divided into three sections:

- **Plot 1: Short Grasses & Forbs**
- **Plot 2: Knee-to-Waist Mixed Prairie**
- **Plot 3: Waist-to-Head Mixed Prairie**
Plot 1
Short Grasses & Forbs (Flowering Perennials)

Includes a mix of: Carex Albicans, Carex Bromoides, Waldsteinia fragaroides, Geum Triflorum, Carex pennsylvania, Buchloe dactyloides
Plot 1
Short Grasses & Forbs (Flowering Perennials)

Benefits
- Can support light foot traffic
  - Passage to lightly used areas
- Can tolerate mowing once a year
- Provides benefits for pollinators and other native insects
- Remains short (5-40cm)
  - Fits standard Ordinance Requirements and neighborhood norms

Use Cases
- Garden Edge
- Lawn replacement
- Border of high-use walkways
- Low-use pathways (to a pool or patio, weekend garden area, etc.)
Plot 2
Knee-to-Waist Mixed Prairie

- Includes a mix of: *Panicum virgatum, Schizachyrium scoparium, Sporobolus heterolepsis, Liatris aspera, Solidago ptarmicoides, Asclepias sullivantii*
Plot 2
Knee-to-Waist Mixed Prairie

Benefits
• Can tolerate mowing once a year
• Provides high benefits for pollinators, birds and native insects, including stem nesting bees
• Provides good erosion control
• Is short enough to allow for an open visual
• Good drought & full sun tolerance
• Would tolerate fire

Use Cases
• Along borders and fence edges (especially wire fencing)
• Full Lawn or partial lawn conversion
• Edges of patios, decks, and driveways
Plot 3
Waist-to-Head Mixed Prairie

- Includes a mix of:
- *Andropogon gerardii, Panicum virgatum, Sorghastrum nutans, Ratibida pinnata, Asclepias sullivanti*
Plot 3
Waist-to-Head Mixed Prairie

Benefits
• Can tolerate mowing once a year
• Provides high benefits for pollinators, birds and native insects, including stem nesting bees
• Provides good erosion control
• Can act as a partial screen in winter and full screen in summer
• Good drought & hot sun tolerance
• Would tolerate fire

Uses
• Beneath and around balconies and raised porches
• Good screen for dining and play areas
• Appropriate for partial lawn conversion