



27400 Southfield Rd  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076  
(248) 557 - 2600  
[www.lathrupvillage.org](http://www.lathrupvillage.org)

To: DDA Board of Directors  
From: Austin Colson, Director – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director  
Date: April 21, 2025  
RE: 2025 City Hall Flowerbeds Perennial Plants

---

### Background

As part of the ongoing beautification efforts for the grounds surrounding City Hall, requesting to purchase perennial plants for the next phase of the project. Last fall, new trees and plants were successfully installed along the flowerbeds running parallel to City Hall, and now, we are moving forward with the next step to further enhance the area.

The addition of perennial plants will help create a sustainable and vibrant landscape, ensuring that the flowerbeds continue to flourish in the years to come. These plants will complement the existing tree installations and contribute to the long-term aesthetic of the City Hall grounds.

### Recommendation

Purchasing of perennial plants from *Michiganense Natives* due to their competitive pricing and excellent plant quality. Their plants are grown in deeper plugs, resulting in faster establishment and growth compared to the typical 3-inch shallow nursery pots. While the long-term goal is to create a beautiful, sustainable garden, it is important to consider that many people prefer quicker results, especially those who are not gardeners. This option strikes the best balance between cost and rapid maturity, making it ideal for the City Hall flowerbeds.

### Budget Impact

The budget for FY24/25 allocated \$7,000 for Plant and Flower Materials. Based on the total expenditures for this line item, the requested plants exceed this budget item by \$1,431.

To continue this effort, an additional \$1,431 budget amendment is requested for the purchase of perennial plants.

FY24/25 Plant and Flower Purchases	
Standing Flowerpots	\$ 1,550.00
Park Trees	\$ 1,862.80
Hangin Flower Pots	\$ 1,871.00
Flowerbeds Trees/Bushes	\$ 1,922.48
Flowerbeds Perennial Plants	\$ 1,430.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,636.86</b>
<i>Overbudget</i>	<i>\$(1,636.86)</i>

## Action Requested

The DDA Board is requested to:

1. Approve a budget amendment of \$1,431 for the purchase of perennial plants to be installed in the flowerbeds along City Hall.
2. Authorize the DDA Director to proceed with the purchase of perennial plants based on the quote provided by *Michiganense Natives*.

***Suggested Motion:*** "Motion to approve a budget amendment of \$1,431 for the purchase of perennial plants for the flowerbeds along City Hall and to authorize the DDA Director to proceed with the purchase of perennial plants from *Michiganense Natives* to not exceed the quote provided."