

Triangle Greenspace Gazebo Garden

The 2nd annual City of Woodcreek Beautification Project



REQUEST: Council approves a one-time expenditure of \$2,000 to create garden beds (fall of 2023) to surround the gazebo foundation for the installation of drought tolerant plants and a butterfly garden in the Spring of 2024.

DETAILS:

- This effort will include a collaboration between the Community Garden members and Parks Board members in addition to other members of the community who wish to participate.
- Additional funding has been applied for a \$3,500 Quadratic Cares “Energize the Environment” Grant to install plants.
- If grant funds are not allotted, then donations will be sought for plantings.
- The garden beds will sit just below the concrete foundation of the gazebo surrounding it on all sides with a width of 4.5 feet out from the edge of the concrete.
- The beds will feature a natural rock edging, filled with dirt, and topped with mulch while they await planting in the spring.
- Around the direct base of the gazebo will be a French drain filled with river rock spanning 1.5ft out from the concrete pad.
- The grounds under the beds will be scraped from grass and debris before installation and a water permeable barrier will be installed to discourage weeds.
- All labor will be donated. Funding request is for materials alone. Any remainder will be returned to the City for use on other projects.

GOALS:

- Further enhance the curb appeal of the gazebo
- Provide for pollinator and butterfly habitat
- Help prevent washout and erosion around the base of the gazebo by creating a natural catchment for water with the French drain and plants. The French drain will also serve to create a berm and swell effect to promote slowing the water down for improved water retention for the plants and groundwater recharging for the aquifer.
- Help reduce the likely hood and urge for younger residents to climb around the outside of the gazebo railing by creating a natural visual cue that this area is not meant for play.
- The area can also be used an educational opportunity for drought tolerant, native, and pollinator habitat plantings.

VISUAL AID:

