

## 2022 Beautification Projects

The Madison Parks staff completed a number of beautification projects in 2022. These projects included a large renovation of the planting beds at Goodman Pool and the annual installation of flower bed plantings at Goodman Pool, Period Gardens and Forest Hill Cemetery. A number of planting beds went through a rehabilitation process to remove and replace overgrown traditional landscape plantings with native and pollinator friendly species. Rehabilitation projects were completed Cardinal Glen, Giddings, Olin, Olive Jones, Sandstone, Swallowtail and Warner Parks. Also, an old sandbox at Sunset Park was repurposed into a small pollinator garden.

The Goodman Pool project was the largest effort, which was a collaborative work of staff from all of the Parks Operations sections. A total of seven planted beds were renovated and replanted with a focus on native species and reduced maintenance. The fall renovation timeline for this project will ensure the new plantings will be established and thriving for the All City swim meet at Goodman Pool in July 2023.

The following before and after pictures provide a visual of the effort and initial results. The beautification results will be better realized after a year of establishment and growth.

### Cardinal Glenn Before and After



### Giddings Before and After



### Olin Park Before and After



### Olive Jones Park Before and After



### Sandstone Park Before and After



### Sunset Park Before and After



### Swallowtail Park Before and After



## Warner Park Before and After



## Goodman Pool



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The Goodman Pool photos that show overgrown common landscape plantings replaced with turf will allow for safer and better use of the space. The slopped area is no longer isolated with restricted access. Meanwhile, the value of the other beds for esthetics and pollinators has greatly increased.

The currently planned 2023 Beautification funded projects include:

- Period Gardens plantings
- Spring flower bulbs in planting beds – Examples of species include Crocus, Daffodil, Scilla, Tulips
- Perennial flowers, shrubs and trees for new and established planting beds
- Native seeds mixes for prairie areas
- Continuing Goodman Pool planting bed restoration
- Implementation of planting plan that is being prepared by Olbrich Staff for the landscaping surrounding the Parks Olin Facility with a focus on native species and sustainable practices, as well as funding the labor and supplies to install native plantings that will improve the shoreline and wooded area adjacent to the facility