Madison Parks Division 2023 Beautification Project Report

To enhance the natural beauty of the parks, the Parks staff completed 18 new beatification projects in 2023. In addition, recurring annual flower bed plantings like Goodman Pool, Period Gardens and Forest Hill Cemetery were again installed this year. Also, a number of planting beds were rehabilitated by removing the non-native plants and replacing them with native and pollinator friendly species. Volunteers continued to play a significant role in the installation of several landscape beds, which provided needed additional resource support and provided benefit to the City of Madison community by engaging and educating the public about native plants. Through the joint effort of the Ecology Team, General Parks and seasonal staff and volunteers, the team installed over 10,000 native perennial plants.

Looking forward to 2024, the Beautification funds will used for the following purposes:

- Period Gardens plantings
- Native perennials, shrubs and trees for new and established planting beds
- Native seeds mixes for prairie areas
- Continuing Goodman Pool planting bed restoration

The following are before and after pictures of some of the 2023 projects supported.

Aldo Leopold Park Before and After





Arbor Hills Park Before and After





Dominion Park Before and After





Esther Beach Park Before and After





Goodman Pool Before and After





Honeysuckle Park Before and After





Hoyt Park Before and After





Marshal Park Before and After





Orton Park Before and After





Owl Creek Park Before and After





Penn Park Before and After





Sunridge Park Before and After





Sunset Park Before and After





Warner Park Beach Before and After





The Team and Volunteers in Action



The Team and Volunteers in Action (continued)

