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Good Evening, Paula,

Hope this finds you healthy and thriving as we work through this pandemic!

In April I promised to send a drawing for the proposed gardens. How can it possibly be mid-August? Goodness, how time flies, even during these "uncertain time!" At any rate, I've attached an overview of the area. Here's what we have in mind:

- **PLOT A – *Kiwanis Little Free Library Sanctuary* ...** An ideal oasis near the southwest corner of Water and Jackman, this area features a raised flower bed and a welcoming bench. We propose a mix of carefully chosen perennial grasses and sedges behind the bench coupled with some attention-grabbing wildflowers and eye-catching annuals.

The following plots were originally maintained by The Marigold Mile, who we understand will now be planting gardens below the Water Street mural wall. We took over responsibility for both areas in 2018, 2019, and again in 2020. With your blessing, we would like to make this official by completing the necessary paperwork and paying the appropriate fee for all three plots (A, B, and C.)

- **PLOT B – *Kelly-Boldt Walkway Garden* ...** As you might have already observed, the north end is dominated by the towering Cup Plant, one of the best native wildflowers for attracting pollinators and birds. Other flora in this garden which follows the rising walkway include Catmint, Bee Balm, Iris, Wild Geranium, Allium, Shasta Daisies, Little Blue Stem, Big Blue Stem, Prairie Dropseed, and Delphiniums. Marigolds are interspersed among the perennials.
- **PLOT C – *Jackman-Schaefer Island Prairie* ...** Featuring native Indiangrass, assorted coneflowers, and various milkweed plants, this garden is challenged by winters' road salt. Nevertheless, it continues to flourish and is the perfect waystation to provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Marigolds are planted on both ends of the island, extending The Marigold Mile beyond its original Oneida Street location.

The Water Street Native Prairie continues to amaze us. While there have been some challenges these past three years, including the sinkhole in 2018, and the invasive crown vetch in 2019, the blessings far outweigh the struggles. We thank you and so many other community members who helped make this dream a reality.

Please let us me if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward with great anticipation to learning when this will go to committee and then hopefully to council.

Warm regards,

Sue and Larry Bogenschutz
Water Street Native Prairie & Gardens on Jackman

