

2015 PLAN FOR LIBERTY IN BLOOM.

January 2015

Overall strategies:

---Continue successes of past years. Accent use of drought-resistant plants and easy-to-grow zinnias. Create colorful, densely planted beds especially at Triangle, Bessie's Garden, Churchill Park, Logan, Garden Fence.

---Add a new bed, the Goodwill Fence. Simply plant morning glories along this chain-link fence, little maintenance required. Jodi will make contacts at Goodwill to explore their interest.

---Look for opportunities to plant more perennials. Ordering many colorful, creeping sedum for use in I-80 beds. Will grow hibiscus seeds from Pat Ungaro's friend.

---Special attention: large display bed in front of Administration Building needs soil amended because of poor performance and much thistle these past two years.

Schedule:

---**January-March:** Carol Cupan and Janet Yaniglos will order seeds and some small rootstock from catalogs. Carol will check with Phil/Hartford Greenhouse to determine if his offer of special planting for us is worth pursuing. Volunteers will be contacted for interest in helping with indoor planting of seeds mid-March.

---**April:** Rose pruning. (last year 4/21; in 2013, 4/4 and 3/30) Also inspect all flower beds to determine other pruning needs (mops, grasses); extent of thistle and weed growth; how recently planted perennials such as Echinacea, cleome, sedums, statice, lamb's ear and blanket flower have fared; where spring transplanting is needed; timing for daffodil leaf removal; fertilizer needs; and then make bed prep plans for volunteers and/or paid help, to be completed prior to planting.

---**May-June:** planting of approximately 1500 flowers grown indoors or purchased from nearby greenhouses and nurseries. We've needed 8-10 sessions in recent years, especially since weeding was necessary (will try to do much of this prior to planting this year).

---**Summer-Frost:** Determine where mulching is needed and when. Walk/talk with Greg prior to mulching to discuss any special needs. Inspect frequently for volunteer need of summer weeding, for cutting back perennials after bloom, transplanting, adding annuals when fill-in is needed; check for watering need. Seed salvage from poppies and zinnias.

Plans for each flower bed:

#1 Triangle Garden. Dense with many colors of flowers.

Perennials in place: daffodils, knock-out roses, grasses, Black-eyed Susans, statice, Angelina sedum.

2015: approximately **300 annuals**. fall: 50 tall zinnias. Mid: 50 marigolds, 50 blue salvia. Low: 75 profusion zinnias, 75 bright and light petunias. (similar to 2014)

#2, #3, #4 Big I-80 Beds. Simply add 'pop' to maturing perennials (forsythia, dogwood, viburnum cranberry bush, spirea, olive, grasses, knock-out roses, daffodils and tulips, echinacea and Black-eyed Susans) by broadcasting California poppy 'Falling in Love' seeds. 2015: poppies and red sedum groundcover.

#5 Garden Fence. Looser-form flowers, with bays of different flowers between the grasses and flowering vines along the fence.

Perennials: daffodils; rose, phlox, woodland sunflower, hibiscus, iris, echinacea, lamb's ear, cleome, nicotiana in different bays; chrysanthemums in late summer.
2015: approximately **350 annuals**. tall: 25 branching cherry rose sunflowers, 25 giant zinnias. Mid: 25 cleome, 50 blue salvia, 50 Rubenza cosmos. Low: 75 profusion zinnias, 50 small or medium marigolds, 25 petunias. 25 Morning glories on fence.
Add perennials: trumpet vine from JY further down on fence, hibiscus grown from seed, pink sedum from CC.

#6, #7 Liberty signs north and south of I-80 overpass with maturing, spreading bushes
2015: Use smaller and striking flowers such as poppies. Add yellow sedum groundcover.

#8, #9 Liberty Street beds with drought-, pollution-resistant plants

2015: approximately **160 annuals**. 120 profusion zinnias and 40 Strawberry Fields gomphrena on south side, along with 20 young hibiscus perennials. On north, hibiscus and 3packs of 'Falling in Love' California poppies.

#10, #11, #12 Township Administration Building: color mass around sign, drought-resistant plants in back and at corner

2015: approximately **200?? annuals**: after amending soil, plant sunny impatiens at front of bed, petunias along sides. Add creeping sedum to corner and back entrance beds.

#13, #14 Churchill Park. Mass of color.

2015: approximately **75 annuals**: 6 or more flats of petunias with either Liberty colors or striking colors to mark Belmont Ave entrance

#15 Bessie's Garden. Dense with many colors of flowers

Perennials: Mops, some statice.

2015 approximately **170 annuals**: mid: 30 Inca marigolds, 30 blue salvia, 30 Sonata Mix cosmos, Low: 30 profusion zinnias, 30 alyssum, 20 petunias.

Welcome Signs

#16 Vienna boundary on Belmont Poppies and profusion zinnias.

#17 Hubbard boundary on Rte 304. 40 zinnias and petunias; add perennials. Balance mops.

#18 Girard boundary on Rte 304. Split daisies. 36 Tall zinnias, 24 African marigolds, 20 alyssum.

#19 Weathersfield boundary on Tibbitts-Wick. 12 caladium bulbs

#20 Youngstown boundary on Logan Way. Clear grass from front. Check for blanket flower and spread carefully. Annuals: 36 blue salvia, 36 Magellan zinnias..

#21 Youngstown boundary on Fifth Ave. Fertilize. Annuals: 36 profusion zinnias and poppies.

#22 Route 11 at Tibbitts-Wick. 36 tall zinnias, yellow profusion zinnias from Carol, poppies.

#23 711 Connector and Gypsy Lane. 10 Italian White sunflowers and poppies. Plant young hibiscus.

#24. Warner Road. 8 caladium

#25 Goodwill Fence. 20 morning glory vines.