

South Park Community Managed Parks and Gardens Plan

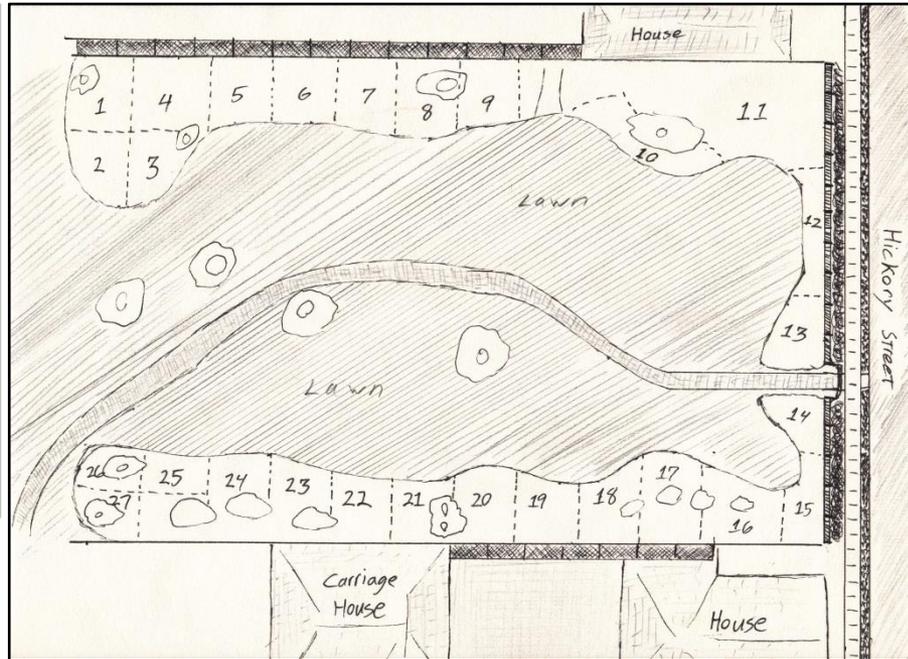
The Idea: Divide and Conquer to improve and beautify our neighborhood parks and gardens.

The Plan: (1) Divide the flowerbed area of the *South Park Green* into individual, manageable plots of similar sizes, (2) assign the plots to caring neighborhood gardeners, (3) work together to create a showcase flower garden we can all be proud of.

Example South Park Green (SPG) Plot Layout

Our neighborhood parks require more care and maintenance than is currently available if we want them to look their best.

The city mows the grass but can offer little else to improve the parks. Our neighborhood organization pays for some upkeep, but cannot afford to devote unlimited resources to park projects. It is often left up to grant proposals for major improvements and these can be scarce and rigid in their requirements.



The plan begins with the area inside the fence at the SPG; this offers a large area of flower garden space that can be maintained and will allow the neighborhood association to focus its contribution to the fence line for the biggest benefit.

Suggested Projects:

- Control weed growth
- Prune and trim existing plants
- Thin perennials
- Add new plants, flowers and shrubs
- Add consistent mulch
- Additional landscaping projects

The work necessary for each plot varies by section. The park could use any level of commitment.

The Benefit: Cost free maintenance – relies on volunteers who enjoy gardening. Work at your own pace – work on *your* plot at *your* schedule. Incremental – A daunting project as a whole can be improved in pieces by many hands. A sense of ownership – gardeners can take pride in *their* garden plot and work to make theirs the best.

Want to Participate? Contact Patrick Reed (reedpk@gmail.com). Take a walk down to the SPG and decide what area you would like to adopt!