

Johnson St NE – Green Infrastructure Restoration

Greetings Johnson St NE Community Members!

We are reaching out to you to provide background and gather feedback on what you want to see in your boulevard.



A few years ago, the City **reconstructed Johnson St NE from 18th Ave NE to Lowry Ave NE**. The project addressed aging infrastructure, improved pedestrian access and safety, and incorporated a new pedestrian and bike trail. Excitingly, it also **included green infrastructure**, which, in short, is infrastructure that mimics or uses natural systems to improve resilience to climate impacts, while also often resulting in environmental, economic, and social co-benefits.

The concepts of green infrastructure are not new, but **its applications are fairly new**. Which is what we're writing to you about today - we're still learning and the green infrastructure on this project didn't turn out as well as it should, so we're here to correct this, and **we want your input on how we can best fix it**.

RESTORATION: A contractor will continue to perform **rehabilitation within the boulevards** along the project corridor in the spring of 2025. This will include cutting down and removing weeds, and fixing the soil so that it is ready for plants.

PLANTINGS: We want to know what you want to see in front of your home or business and what you are comfortable taking care of. The contractor can select the best option based on the conditions of the space, or you can choose. There are **4 options for boulevard plantings**, as detailed on the back of this sheet.



After you've read the details of the 4 options detailed on the back of this page, we'd love to know what you'd like for your boulevard!

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR PREFERENCE:

You only need to do ONE of the 4 options, option number 1, the form, is likely to be the easiest!

1. Fill out the form at <https://forms.office.com/g/Tkv2uwdSVC> or scan the QR Code
2. OR Email Allison Bell, Allison.bell@minneapolismn.gov with your address and preference
3. OR Respond to door knocking week of November 11th 2024 in the evening.
4. OR Participate in the November 20th, 2024 Neighborhood Meeting.



Scan for form

DEADLINE: We need to hear from you **by Friday, December 13th, 2024** by the end of the day. We appreciate understanding the schedule as we want the contractor ready to fix the boulevards in the spring.

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Johnson St NE – Green Infrastructure Correction (backside)

1. BEE LAWN:

Short, low maintenance native and pollinator grasses and flowers. Mostly **clover**, like a grass lawn/turf, but better! You can mow it if you want but **no mowing is required!** Low maintenance. And more draught resistant because it's native (stays green more consistently and longer).

This will be the default option (what you are likely to get if you don't respond to the survey)



2. NATIVE PLUGS AND MULCH:

Short, native plants arranged like a **garden** within mulch. This will look more like a garden - **pretty**, but different maintenance than a typical grass lawn. If you're into gardening and up for the **maintenance**, this could be an excellent option for you! **You will need to weed, water more often, and perform spring and fall clean ups.**



3. BED PREPARATION:

The contractor will **leave the space bare** and ready to be planted. Have a garden you'd love your boulevard to match? We're happy to leave you with a bare boulevard to fill to your hearts content.

4. TRADITIONAL TURF SOD:

Non-native, standard turf grass. **Equal if not higher maintenance than bee lawn** and worse for pollinators. Because it's non-native it is **less drought resilient** than bee lawn (more likely to go brown and stay brown).

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