# CURB APPEAL PROJECT BEAUTIFUL BORDERS



### **INTRODUCTION**

As the speed of redevelopment picks up in our city, the growers that Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) serves will be under increasing pressure to provide some lasting curb appeal to their gardens and farms.

Great news! Over the summer, KGD collaborated with several talented landscape architects and ecosystem experts to create easy to install and manage ornamental gardens featuring perennial flowers that will be sure to wow neighbors while providing environmental benefits like attracting pollinators and beneficial insects, creating habitat for migratory birds and managing stormwater runoff.

These Beautiful Border designs are versatile. At 25 feet long by 7 feet wide they're designed to fit perfectly along the sidewalk or alley of a standard city lot. They would also look great along a garden pathway or the property line of an adjacent house. Working with more space than a single lot? No problem. Just repeat the design until the desired length is achieved!

Each design includes a detailed plant list and planting plans. If you have any trouble locating plants or materials, don't worry. Keep Growing Detroit is here to help! Also, for those on a tight budget, the cost for implementation ranges from under \$500 to \$1,000 - even less if donated or divided perennials are utilized.

This project would not have been possible without the landscape architects that will be introduced on the next page. They generously donated their time to attend meetings and create designs. Every step along the way the designers received ideas and feedback from Cyndi Ross from the Friends of the Rouge, a native plant and water management expert and Rebecca Tonietto from the Smith Fellowship in Conservation Biology, a bee and pollination expert.

### **IT'S PLANTING TIME!**

In the coming year Keep Growing Detroit will be helping to facilitate the installation of dozens of Beautiful Borders in Garden Resource Program member gardens and farms across Detroit. If you're interested in partnering with us to host or volunteer at a planting check out the back page of this document. You'll find our contact information there along with resources for planting and maintenance tips and details for related upcoming events!



### **MEET THE DESIGNERS**

### **OMAR DAVIS**

Omar currently works as a
Landscape Designer in the City
of Detroit's Planning and Development
Department focusing on projects in the city's East
Region. Omar hails from the great city of Cleveland,
Ohio. He studied Earth Sciences at Wesleyan
University and worked in New York City for 4 years
before heading up to Boston to study landscape
architecture at Harvard University's Graduate School
of Design.

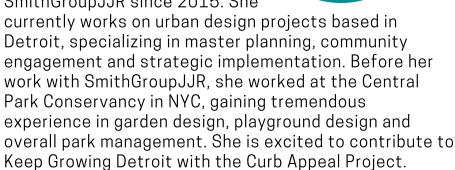
### **SARAH HAYOSH**

Sarah has called Detroit home for nearly 10 years, and much of that time she has been fortunate

to work hand-in-hand with creative and resilient Detroiters to design and create public greenspaces that build connections to nature, reduce blight, grow fresh food, and bring community members together. She is a co-founder of Keep Growing Detroit and is currently a Designer and Project Manager at the Detroit Collaborative Design Center. She studied Economics and Environmental Studies at the University of Michigan, and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

### **UJIJJI DAVIS**

Ujijji is a talented Landscape Designer and has worked at SmithGroupJJR since 2015. She

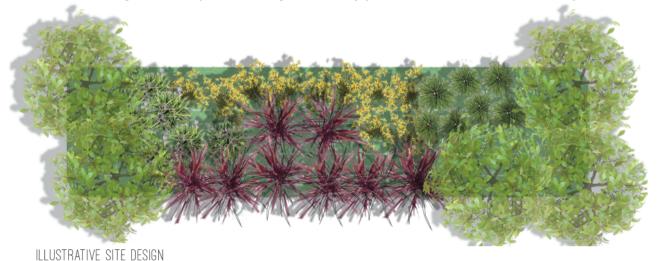


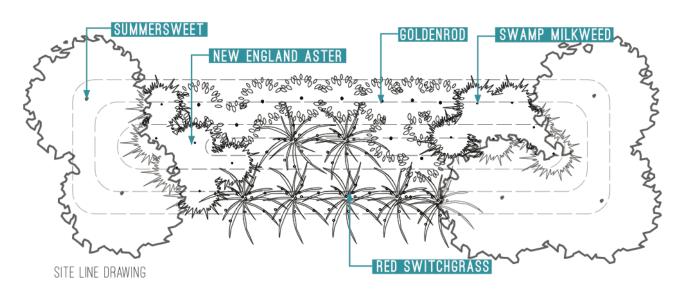
### **JEFF KLEIN**

Jeff is a landscape architect with over 20 years of experience in landscape design and construction. Jeff also founded Detroit Farm and Garden, a retail store located in Mexican Town in Detroit and supplies landscape, farm, garden and feed supplies to area residents, contractors, urban farmers and non-profit organizations. Jeff has been living and working in Detroit's communities for over 20 years and views the landscape as a powerful tool of change that can promote social and environmental cohesion while transforming and healing land, people, and communities.

# BUTTERFLY RAIN GARDEN

This rain garden design allows residents to bring nature to their home all year round, particularly by attracting migratory butterflies. This garden shows its strongest palette in the spring, summer and fall, supporting the important butterfly and pollinator ecosystem. The plot is designed for an area no larger than 7' x 25', with a 12 inch depth. The area must have full or partial sun with sandy loam soil. This design requires minor maintenance with weekly watering and some weeding as necessary. Choose this garden and enjoy beautiful blooms and butterflies near your home!









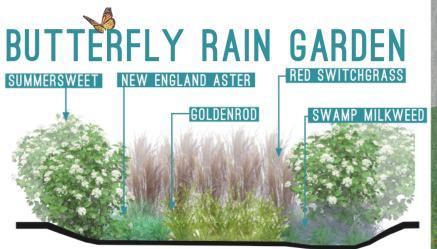
PLANTING LIST

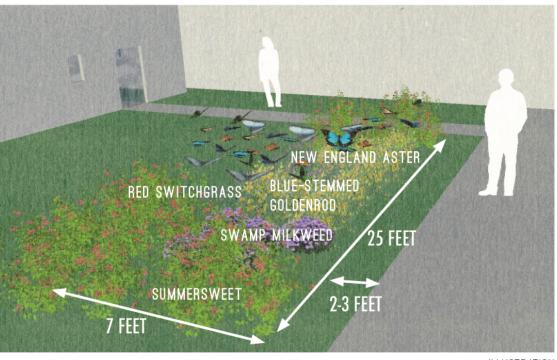
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Botanic Name	Quantity	Spacing	Height	Bloom Time	Color
Asclepias incarnata	6	18" o.c.	4'-5'	July- August	Pink
Clethra alnifolia	5	12" o.c.	4'-8'	July- August	White
Panicum virgatum "Shenandoah"	8	12" o.c.	3'-4'	July- February	Red - Pink
Solidago caesia	10	6" o.c.	1'-3'	August- September	Yellow
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	6	12" o.c.	3'-6'	August- September	Purple

Other Tools

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ILLUSTRATION

Total



DESIGN ELEVATION

Plants	Quantity	Price/Unit		Total
Summersweet	5	\$	24.98	\$ 124.90
Swamp Milkweed	6	\$	19.98	\$ 119.88
New England Aster	6	\$	5.98	\$ 35.88
Blue-stemmed Goldenrod	10	\$	5.98	\$ 59.80
Red Switchgrass	8	\$	7.98	\$ 63.84

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Shov	/el	1	\$	25.98	\$ 25.98
Tops	soil (2 cu bags)	20	\$	6.00	\$ 120.00
Mula	ch (2 cu bags)	15	\$	2.00	\$ 30.00
Recy	cling Bags (5 count)	2	\$	1.98	\$ 3.96
Gard	len Hose (25 feet)	1	\$	24.98	\$ 24.98
					\$ 204.92

Price/Unit

Quantity

DESIGN BY UJIJJI DAVIS
SMITHGROUP JJR

TOTAL PRICE: \$609.22

## **TEXTURE PARTY!**

This planting design is a party for your garden border! The plants were selected primarily for their texture, color and form beyond just the flower bloom - for entire plant, including its stems and foliage. The plants are grouped in clusters, but also intermingle with each other for several complementary combinations. The design can easily be extended for longer borders. Most of the plants are well suited for cut flower bouquets. Something is always blooming throughout the growing season to support bees and other pollinators. The seed heads of the Prairie Dropseed and Purple Coneflower can be left intact to provide birds with food during the winter. This garden design is best suited for areas receiving full sun, and can handle a variety of soil conditions. After a couple seasons of establishment, most of the plants (except Drumstick Flower) are fairly drought tolerant.



**DESIGN BY: SARAH HAYOSH** DETROIT COLLABORATIVE DESIGN CENTER

### **GET TO KNOW THE PLANTS!**



Allium & Prairie Dropseed



Purple Coneflower & Prairie Dropseed & Sea Holly



Purple Coneflower



Common Sage & Wormwood



Drumstick Flower & Sea Holly in bouquet

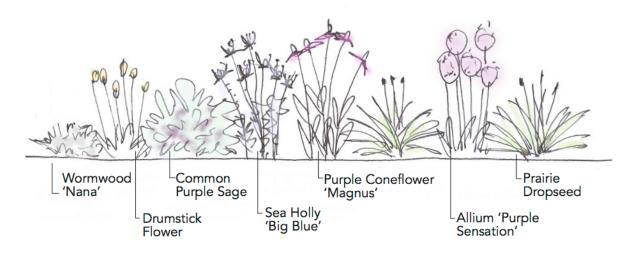


Wormwood

Common Name & 'Variety'	Scientific Name	Spacing	Height	Bloom Time/ Season of Interest	Color
Drumstick Flower	Craspedia globosa	6-12"	24"	June - Sept	Yellow Globe Blooms
Sea Holly 'Big Blue'	Eryngium × zabelii	18"	2-3'	June - Aug	Metallic Blue/Violet Bracts & Leaves
Purple Coneflower 'Magnus'	Echinacea purpurea	18"	2-3'	June - Sept	Hot Purple Blooms
Allium 'Purple Sensation'	Allium hollandicum	12"	2-3'	May - June	Purple Blooms
Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	24"	2-3'	June - Feb	Green/Gold Foliage
Wormwood 'Nana'	Artemisia schmidtiana	12"	4-6"	May - Nov	Silver/Green Foilage
Common Sage (Purple)	Salvia officinalis 'Purpurascens'	18"	18-24"	May - Nov	Green & Purple Foliage

## **TEXTURE PARTY!**

### TEXTURE + FORM SKETCH



### **BUDGET**

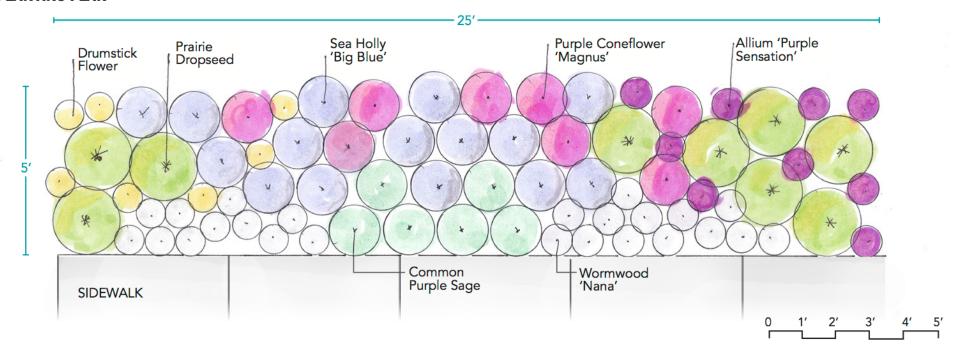
**Quantity - Item: Cost** 

Perennials Plants (1 gallon pot unless noted)

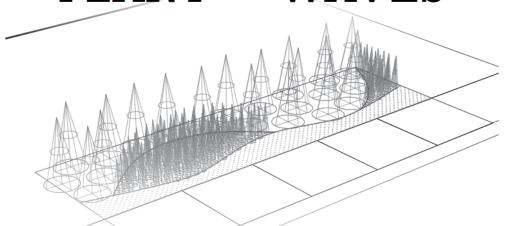
- 9 Allium 'Purple Sensation, bulbs: \$1 each
- 6 Common Purple Sage: \$8 each
- 7 Drumstick Flower, 1 seed pack: \$4 total
- 8 Purple Coneflower 'Magnus': \$8 each
- 9 Prairie Dropseed: \$8 each
- 15 Sea Holly 'Big Blue': \$8 each
- 24 Wormwood 'Nana', 6 inch pot: \$5 each **Cost Plant Material: \$437**
- 1 Cubic Yard Double Shredded Mulch. delivered, for 3" top layer: \$65
- 1 Cubic Yard Compost, delivered, to work into garden bed: \$55

**Total Material Cost: \$557** 

### **PLANTING PLAN**

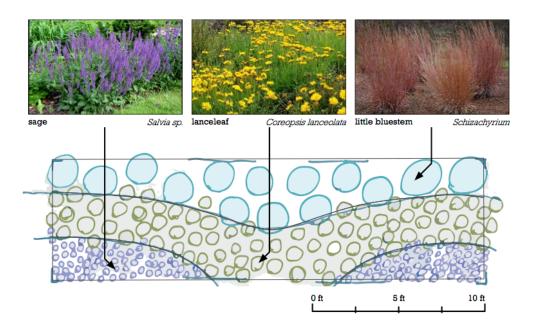


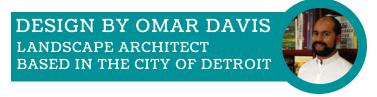
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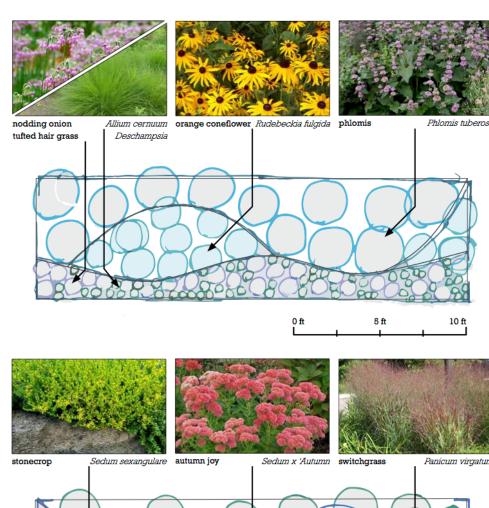
These flowing curb appeal designs are easy to arrange and plant. Try splashing the scene with waves of plantings for the passerby! Different configurations of species can be used in place, as well as different shapes. Defined edges start things out with clarity, but over time the species can blend together if you choose to let them. Use your imagination!

Draw out the different wave outlines on your planting area. Then lay out all the plants on the ground within their boundary, in a non-geometric pattern with regular spacing. As long as they are equidistant they will look coordinated en masse.





Each space is 25 ft wide by 7 ft deep, giving you a good buffer of space between the sidewalk and your own edible garden.



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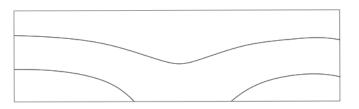
Each planting plan consists of a shorter plant closest to the sidewalk (4-5 dozen), medium-sized plants in the middle (2-3 dozen) and taller plants toward the back of the lot (~1 dozen). You should budget to acquire more small plants and less large plants.





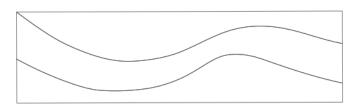
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#	Common Name	Genera	Species	Height	Width	<b>Bloom Time</b>	Color	Light	Moisture
AC	nodding onion	Allium	cemuum	1 - 1.5'	.255'	Jun - Aug	pink	full	dry - med
DC	C tufted hair grass	Deschampsia	cespitosa	2 - 3'	1 - 2'	Jul - Sep	gold	part	med
RF	orange coneflower	Rudebeckia	fulgida	2 - 3'	2 - 2.5'	Jun - Oct	yellow	full	dry - med
PT	phlomis	Phlomis	tuberosa	3 - 5'	2 - 3'	May - Jul	lavender	full	med





#	Common Name	Genera	Species	Height	Width	Bloom Time	Color	Light	Moisture
SX	sage	Salvia	x suburba	1 - 1.5'	.255'	Jun - Aug	blues	part	dry - med
CL	lanceleaf coreopsis	Coreopsis	lanceolata	1 - 2'	1 - 1.5'	May - Jul	yellow	full	dry - med
SC	little bluestem	Schizachyrium	scoparium	2 - 4'	1.5 - 2'	Aug - Feb	purple-gold	full	dry - med



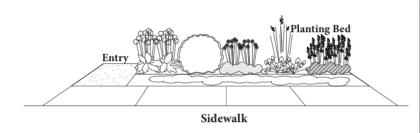


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SS	stonecrop	Sedum	sexangulare	.255'	1 - 2'	Jun - Aug	yellow	full	dry - med
SA	. autumn joy	Sedum	x 'Autumn Joy'	1.5 - 2'	1.5 - 2'	Sep - Oct	pink	full	dry - med
PV	switchgrass	Panicum	virgatum	3 - 6'	2 - 3'	Jul - Feb	pink	part	med - wet

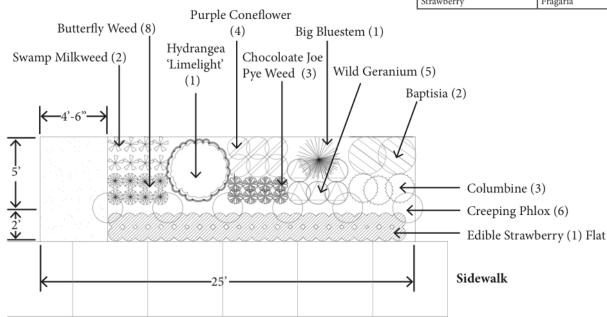


Get the most out of your garden border by adding some "Curb Appeal". The Mix and Match! border is designed to give you color and texture throughout the season while providing a beautiful edge along your sidewalk. The design allows you the flexiblity to move the plants, entry and fencing to where you want. Plantings attract butterflies, birds, bees and other pollinaters and work well in a sunny environment with moderate water. Customize your Mix and Match! Border by adding a fence, bee condo, bird house or more!

#### **Border Planting**



### **Plant Layout**



#### **Plant List**

Common Name	Plant Name	Bloom Time	Height		Color / Texture
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepis incarnata	July/August	4-5'	2-3'	White to Pink Flower Clusters
Butterfly Weed	Asclepis tuberosa	June/August	1-2.5'	1-1.5'	Bright Orange Flower Clusters
Hydrangea 'Limelight'v	Hydrangea 'Limelight'	July/September	6'	6'	Large White Ball Flower Cluster
Echinacea 'Variety'	Echinacea purpurea	June/August	2'-5'	1.5-2'	Single Purple Cone Shape Flower
'Chocolate Joe Pye Weed	Eupatorium rugosum	Sept/Oct	3'	2'	Delicate White FLower Clusters
Big Bluestem	Andropogen gerardivi	Sept/Oct	4-6'	2-3'	Blue Upright Narrow Leaves
Wild Geranium	Geranium maculatum	April / May	1-2'	1.5'	Singular Light Purple Flowers
Baptisia 'variety'	Baptisia australis	May / June	3-4'	3-4'	Many Colors to Choose From
Columbine 'variety'	Aquilegia canadensis	April / May	2-3'	1-1.5'	Many Colors to Choose From
Phlox subulata	Phlox subulata	May	.5'	1-2'	Pink, White oor Purple
Strawberry	Fragaria	May / August	.5'	1'	Yummy Fruit

#### Cost

	Quantity	Cost Low	Cost High
Plant Cost	1 gallon Perennials 36" Shrub	\$500	\$700
Compost @ 4"	2 yards + Delivery	\$90	\$130
Mulch @ 4"	2 yards + Delivery	\$110	\$140
Fence	Length And Material Varies	\$200	\$1120
Entry Path @ 4"	.5 yard + Fabric + Edging + Delivery	\$80	\$120
TOTAL		\$980	\$2210

PROJECT COSTS CAN VARY DEPENDING ON MATERIAL NEEDS, INITIAL PLANT SIZES AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS. ABOVE COSTS ARE MEANT TO HELP WITH PROJECT PLANNING AND REFLECT A RANGE OF BUDGET.





Hydrangea 'Limelight'



Chocolate 'Jope Pye Weed'



**Edible Strawberry** 



Big Bluestem



Wild Geranium



Columbine



Swamp Milkweed



Baptisia





Echinacea



Phlox

Mix and Match! All these plant will do well in full to partial sun and dry to medium soil moisture.

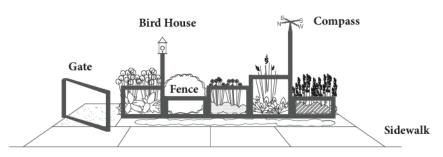
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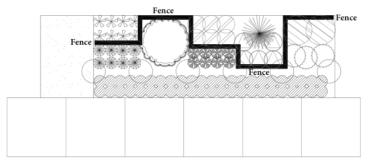


### Have Fun MixIng and Matching!

### Add Stuff!

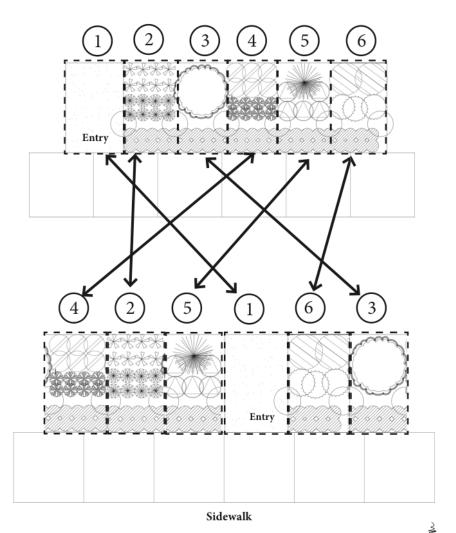


### **Design Your Own Fence Pattern!**



Sidewalk





### Mix and Match!

Each numberd planting tile is approximately 4' wide. Move them around to create your own layout. Add a Fence, Bee Condo, Insect Box and More! Add Signage or Art!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**COMMUNITY WORKDAY** on Saturday, October 14th at Fields of Plenty, 847 Clairmount from 10am to noon. We'll be installing the first curb appeal planting site. It's going to be a Texture Party!

GRP PERENNIAL SWAP & DISTRIBUTION on Tuesday, October 24th at the Plum Street Market Garden, 2202 Third Street (across from the MGM Grand parking garage) from 5pm to 7pm. Learn how perennial plants can add beauty and resiliency in the garden while taking a load off of your gardening to do list! Bring divided perennials to swap in well labeled plastic bags. If you don't have perennials to swap, no problem! There will be plenty of donated perennials for active Garden Resource Program members to take home!

### **HELPFUL LINKS & RESOURCES**

### **KEEP GROWING DETROIT**

http://detroitagriculture.net/resources/

### **MORE PLANTING DATES COMING SOON!**

