



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to maintain the plants?

Yes, maintenance of the lawn extension will still be your responsibility. However, the plants we use in the program are easy to maintain and compliant with [height requirements](#) outlined in the City's ordinances. You should actually have less maintenance work you need to do after the Streetscape is installed, since it will remove some of the turf grass you're currently responsible for mowing. If one of the plants we install dies, the City cannot guarantee that we will replace it – however, we may be able to do so if you let us know that your Streetscape needs maintenance. You are not responsible for replacing any dead or dying plants yourself.

I don't want to participate. How do I opt out?

You can email Sean Reynolds, OSI Senior Analyst, at sreynolds@a2gov.org to request that your address be opted out of the program.

I want to participate but haven't received a door hanger. How do I sign up?

You can fill out [this form](#) to request that a Streetscape be installed around a street tree adjacent to your property.

Why should I participate?

By planting native groundcover around your street tree, it will be more protected from mechanical damage from lawn mowers, weed whips, and other equipment. Damage from

lawn equipment is one of the leading causes of injury and death for young trees, so this will help to ensure your street tree survives and provides benefits like shade, stormwater retention, and carbon storage. The plants will also increase stormwater infiltration and retention, provide pollinator habitat, and make our rights-of-way more biodiverse. Participating should also reduce your lawncare needs, since you'll have less grass to mow.

When will the plants be installed?

We should be by to plant your Streetscape within 5-6 weeks of the date you received a door hanger or received confirmation of a request to participate.

If I don't opt out, do I need to do anything?

No – if you want your street tree to be included in the program, no action is needed from you! We will be by to plant your Streetscape within 5-6 weeks of the date you received a door hanger. If you do have any decorations or other items near the street tree, please remove those until the Streetscape has been installed.

What species are you going to plant?

Every Streetscape is going to be unique, and the species we plant will depend on the time of year – so we cannot guarantee that any specific species will be used. However, some examples of species we plant include: Red Columbine, Prairie Dropseed, Purple Coneflower, Wild Geranium, Golden Groundsel, Hairy Penstemon, Goldenrod, and Bluejacket.

Can I add plants to the Streetscape after it's installed?

Yes! You are welcome to add your own plants to the Streetscape – please just make sure to meet all of the requirements outlined in [Chapter 40](#) of our Code of Ordinances. Plants in the City right-of-way must be less than 36 inches in height for sightline purposes.