Landscape Design Master Plan Concept & Phase 1 Design for the Wasson Way

Community Meeting
22 June 2021
Hosted By: Wasson Way Landscape Committee And MadTree Brewing
Introductions

• Wasson Way Board - https://wassonway.org

• Landscape Committee Members:
  - Sharon Abanto - Jay Andress
  - Julie Andress - Ann Gimbert
  - Scott Holland - Mike Osenar
  - Nancy Strassel - Alan Edwards

• Landscape Designers – POD Design
  - Sharon Floro, PLA, ASLA
  - Steve Kolwicz, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP
Wasson Way Mission & Vision

https://wassonway.org/about-us/

• Our Mission

To promote and sustain Wasson Way. A beautiful, accessible and sustainable urban greenway trail for the benefit of the residents of greater Cincinnati.

• Our Vision

Wasson Way will be a world-class urban greenway trail that creates a vibrant hub of community activity, connecting and enhancing neighborhoods, schools and recreation areas across the east side of Cincinnati.
Landscape Design Master Plan Concept

• Objective

The Landscape Master Plan concept and Phase 1 design for the Wasson Way in Hyde Park and Oakley, will establish a landscaping design plan for the section of Wasson Way from Marburg Road, extending west approximately 100 feet past Madison Road.
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• The plan includes high-level conceptual designs, a design philosophy and set of principles, and a 5-10-year landscape Master Plan that can be built in Phases as described below:

• Phase 1 Design and installation of the landscape plan will be completed in Fall 2021

• Subsequent Phases will be constructed as funding permits and might include:
  • Hardscape features
  • Recreation areas for children
  • Athletic workout course for adults
  • Access to Hyde Park Plaza near Kroger
Landscape Design Master Plan Concept

• The Landscape Committee also requested a conceptual design for four specific areas to be addressed in the Landscape Master Plan. These areas include:

  • Madison Rd. at LaRosa’s Pizza next to crosswalk
  • Area between Edwards and Michigan (north of shopping area)
  • Fence line improvements between Monteith Avenue and Paxton Avenue
  • Wasson Way Entry, South of Richards Industrials
Design Principles and Values:

• Access, Safety, and Comfort:

  • Safe physical and psychological access
  • Accentuated trail heads along the Wasson Road greenway corridor, with good visibility at clearly defined traffic crossings
  • Fully multi-generational use for persons of all ages and abilities
  • Maximize natural light while offering a green, cooling park pockets and bench seating
Design Principles and Values:

• Community Fit:
  • Dovetail trail with physical, economic, social, and cultural neighborhoods
  • Connecting campuses and schools, businesses, residences, and senior-living communities
  • Honoring the historical uniqueness of the communities

• Healthy Lifestyle:
  • Provide fitness, wellness, with varying levels of activities for everyone
  • Contact with nature
Design Principles and Values:

• Resilience:
  • Financially and environmentally sustainable
  • Durable and high-quality material selection; and salt and drought-tolerant, native plants

• Partnership:
  • Long-standing association with the City of Cincinnati, the Crown, and the Wasson Way
  • Sustained interest and resources relating to funding, volunteer work, and management
  • Community input and support
Design Master Plan
Design Focus 1
Madison Rd & Wasson Way
Conceptual Rendering
Focus 1
Conceptual Rendering
Focus 2
Design Focus 3
Monteith to Paxton Ave
Reference Images- Focus 3

John Clayton Honeysuckle

Major Wheeler Honeysuckle

Native Grasses: 3’ Height or shorter
Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass
Design Focus 4
South of Richards Industries
Low Planting: Curbside Entry

Replace invasive plants with erosion-control native plants
Preliminary Plant Selection Options

Trees:
- Large canopy
- American Sycamore
- Valley Forge and Princeton Elms
- American Sycamore
- Dura Heat River Birch
- Expresso Kentucky Coffeetree
- Ohio Buckeye
- Ornamental
  - Serviceberry
  - Redbud
  - Sweetbay Magnolia
  - Red Buckeye
  (Narrow or columnar):
    - American Hornbeam
    - Bald Cypress
    - Columnar English Oak
    - Armstrong Maple

Shrubs:
- Chokeberry
- Ninebark
- Hydrangea
- Witchhazel
- Boltonia
- False Indigo
- Winterberry
- Diervilla-Dwarf Bush
- Sumac
- Ninebark
- Potentilla
- Semi to Evergreen:
  - Inkberry
  - Viburnum

Understory: Forbs & Groundcover
- Chives and Ornamental Onion
- Coreopsis
- Coneflowers
- Black-eyed Susan
- Yarrow
- Speedwell
- Snowbank Boltonia

Grasses
- Sedges
- Switchgrasses
- Blue grama grass
- Little Bluestem
- Prairie Dropseed

Fence vines
- Honeysuckle
- Clematis

Swale Appropriate:
- Crested Iris
- Aster
- Joepey Weed
- Buttonbush
- Native Grasses
- Blue Star
What Next

• Timeline for Phase 1 plan in 2021
  • March 1 RFP Package Sent
  • March Bid Deadline
  • April Selection of Designer
  • June Public Presentation
  • July Construction documents and contractor selection
  • August Review and approval from City
  • September Excavation and installation of hardscape (if applicable)
  • October Volunteers plant trees and install landscaping*

• To volunteer or comment – wassonway@fioptics.com
• Contribute to Wasson Way - https://wassonway.org/support/

* Thanks to Brian Heinz – Horticulture Manager at Spring Grove Cemetery for help with procuring hundreds of bulbs.