



A PROJECT OF WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY TRUST

MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE OUTLINE:

THE CONSERVANCY CORP: A PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM

Working Group:

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Goals:

The Village parks would benefit from regular maintenance and public engagement with the parks is expected to increase interest and support for their maintenance and improvement.

Our goal is to both engage the public with the parks and increase the maintenance of these space:

CONSERVANCY CORPS: CARING FOR THE PLACES THAT BRING US TOGETHER

Get outside - Make friends - Exercise - Appreciate the land - Beautify our Village

Specifics of the Initiative:

Meet Bi-monthly/weekly, April-October

Things the Conservancy Community Gardeners could do:

April-Winter clean up/get beds ready/invasives management; Participate in Arbor Day and Green Up Day

May-Mulch/plant annuals/replace perennials

June-weed/cleanup

July-weed/cleanup

August-Deadhead//cleanup

September-Deadhead//cleanup

October-Deadhead/put beds to bed/plant bulbs

Process

- Sign up via Signup.com
- Bring tools to specified place, date and time; task defined
- Advertising/Promotion
 - Listserv, FPF, Town Website, VT Standard
 - TV coverage once we are underway

Questions for the town:

- What does the town currently do? This would determine our baseline budget
- What are its current priorities?

- Does the town have any unmet goals the Conservancy Corps could tackle?
- Where does yard waste go?
- How should spaces be prioritized? Who decides what tasks are needed?
- What are the potential annual expenses could the town cover?:
 - Soil
 - Seed/plant material
 - Mulch
 - Watering
 - Uniform TBD (hat, shirt, apron?)

Stakeholders

- DPW
- Potential partners would include Woodstock Garden Club, Sustainable Woodstock, Change the World Kids, CRAFT students, Rotary, Scouts, EEP

Timeline

- T-60 days: Establish a budget for materials
- T-30 days: Develop a volunteer schedule
- T-200 days: Advertise/promote the program to solicit volunteers
- Execute as a test or rollout

Action items

- Work with DPW and gauge its support and level of involvement in planning, execution, and resources