

# Metro Blooms

Environmental Healing in  
Relationship with Community



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## Metro Blooms

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that partners with communities to create resilient landscapes and foster clean watersheds, embracing the values of equity and inclusion to solve environmental challenges.



## Blue Thumb

Metro Blooms also coordinates the Blue Thumb program, a partnership between contractors, landscapers, nurseries and local governments focused in planting for clean water.





# What does “in relationship” mean?



## Relationships Over Time

- Long-term supportive relationships
- Relationships evolve
- Amplify existing knowledge and traditional practices
- Funding into the hands of our
- community

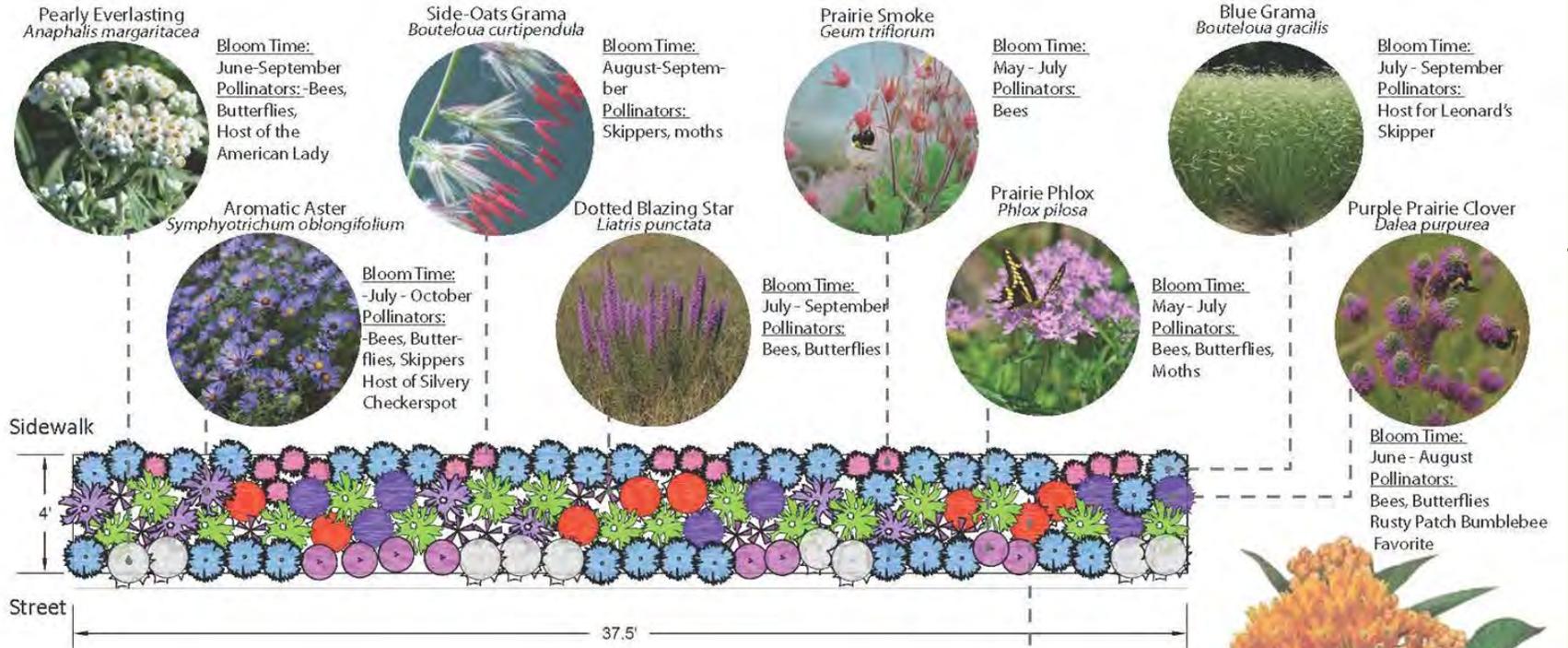


## Boulevards and Northside Pollinator Project

- Loss of 38,000 ash trees
- Reforestation of lawns and common spaces
- Healing through plants and environmental synergies
- Trees as water keepers and water protectors
- Water access points
- Story of Irving to James



We've revised our community relations approach from mass outreach at events to one on one outreach, creating neighborhood pods centered around community and faith based sites, led by community leaders.



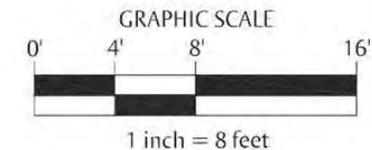
### PLANT LIST

	QTY.	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	HT	SPACING	BLOOM
PERENNIALS						
	7	Aromatic Aster	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i>	2'	18"	Aug-Nov
	34	Blue Grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	2'	1'	July-Sept
	8	Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2'-3'	18"	June-Aug
	11	Dotted Blazing Star	<i>Liatris punctata</i>	2'	10-12"	July-Sept
	8	Prairie Phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	18"	1'	May-July
	15	Prairie Smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	9"	1'	May-July
	8	Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	2'	18"	July-Sept
	9	Pearly Everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	18"	1'	June-Sept
	17	Side Oats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	2'	10-24"	Aug-Sept

118 TOTAL PLANTS PER 150 SF

BOULEVARD PALETTE C

FULL SUN/DRY





# Renters



## Key Takeaways

- *Invest* in long term, supportive relationships with your community
- Be adaptable in all ways (financially, with your definition of success, etc etc etc)
- Equitable compensation is a critical way to close disparity; However it's not the only one. Being in relationship allows you to learn what your community needs





# Thank You

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