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## Vienna Streetscape Project Takes Root

Downtown Vienna is getting a makeover this fall! The Church Street and Maple Avenue Streetscape Project is set to begin Thursday, Sept. 21 as landscaping crews begin work to boost curb appeal in the business district.

"The plan calls for 81 landscape planters on both sides of Maple Avenue and 46 planters on both sides of Church Street to be transformed into a welcoming, vibrant display of seasonal color from spring to fall," said Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. "While some work will take place during daytime hours, much of the initial work to remove tired or declining plants and prepare the planters for their new look will take place from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. to help mitigate the impact of lane closures on residents and commuters."

As part of the project, some trees that are in poor or declining condition will be removed. This is expected to improve the health of remaining street trees, reduce root competition, and increase sunlight exposure to foster optimal plant conditions. Some trees will be replaced, while others will be planted elsewhere to help contribute to the Town's tree canopy.

Planter prep work and planting is scheduled from Sept. 21 through Nov. 8, 2023. If all goes as planned, residents and visitors will start seeing the colorful results in spring 2024.

The Vienna Streetscape Project design was created by the Town's contractor, LSG Landscape in partnership with Merrifield Garden Center and approved by the Vienna Town Council. For more information about the Vienna Streetscape Project, visit <a href="https://www.viennava.gov/streetscape">www.viennava.gov/streetscape</a>.