

Cherrywood

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Keep Austin Beautiful
105 W. Riverside, Suite 230
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Dear KAB:

Here is our application for a 2005 Neighborhood Beautification grant.
Thank you for offering the program. It has been an incentive!

Sincerely,

Mike Damal
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Project Location: East 34th St & Cherrywood Av, 78722

The proposed project is: NEW

Date Request Submitted: March 24, 2005

Project Date: June 1, 2005 thru May 31, 2006

Number of Volunteers Expected: 10

Web Address: < <http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/nhome.htm> >
or open Cherrywood.Org

Please give a detailed description of your project with a timeline including: (2 page max)

To finish adjacent “Cherrywood Green” and “Concordia Triangle” parks, we propose:

(1) FOUNTAIN. At the Green, a handicapped-accessible water fountain will be installed near a water tap given by the City. It will require an 80-foot trench for pipe from tap to fountain, a drainage field for excess water (in an area approximately 80 square feet), and the fountain.

(2) EROSION CONTROL. To protect banks of the branch of Upper Boggy Creek flowing through the Green, standard 80-pound cement bags reinforced with rebar will be arranged to make an aesthetically pleasing retaining wall. This method has been used successfully in our neighborhood. While the amount requested would not fully control the erosion problem, it would arrest further damage in the vicinity of 34th St and Kern Ramble.

(3) TREES. A few months ago the Triangle lost a large cedar tree in a storm. We propose to enhance the site by replacing it with 2 shade trees (live oak, cedar elm, or red oak), and three specimen trees (red bud or Texas mountain laurel). Neighbors will provide water in dry summer months until the saplings are established.

Motivation for the project (statement of need)

Neighbors coordinating as “Friends of Cherrywood Green” dramatically transformed this neglected City-owned tract into a real park. They cleared it, planted native species, removed invasive non-native species and poison ivy, landscaped, built a crushed granite path, added two picnic tables under a shade tree, erected a handsome sign, coaxed the City into providing water for irrigation and drinking, and arranged a mowing brigade.

Similarly, a inspired neighbor has equipped and cared for the Triangle. We want to reward and encourage these energies.

Overall goal of the projects

We have found the effective way to proceed is to first negotiate a consensual vision of where we want to end up. The Cherrywood NA did so in 1999 (see Cherrywood.Org | Community Vision). Its Parks Committee followed suit in 2000 (see Cherrywood.Org | Parks), agreeing:

- Parks and public green space should provide a respite from the traffic, noise and the intensity of urban life.
- Where possible, green spaces should physically link parts of the neighborhood, providing pedestrian and bicycle connections.

The Green and Triangle tasks directly advance both visions.

Volunteers, volunteer hours, and other relevant donations

5 volunteers working 4 hrs with a Ditch Witch will trench 80 feet from water meter to fountain site (20). 5 volunteers working 4 hrs will excavate the required 80 square-foot drainage field (20). This work could be scheduled with the initial trench dig. Volunteers will help a plumber to preinstall pipe and prepare a water fountain concrete pad, buy materials, and select a fountain (20 total) .

FOUNTAIN

60 hours

8 volunteers working 5 hrs on three separate occasions will excavate the proper slope and foundation for the retaining wall, prepare an area around the creek bed to place the cement, position/hammer rebar, and clean up the site.

EROSION CONTROL

120 hours

5 volunteers working 3 hrs will plant 5 trees -- include digging holes, planting, preparing top mulch, and initial deep watering (15). 3 hours administrative time will find and transport trees from nursery to site, and coordinate with neighbors to water the trees for a period of one year after planting (3). The neighborhood has experience. For 8 years Mike Damal has coordinated an autumn tree planting of over 200 trees altogether using neighborhood volunteers.

TREES

18 hours

198 hours

Anticipated impact of the project

The Green is a popular community facility. The first “plant swap” this month enjoyed enthusiastic participation. The first collective block party was held on National Night Out 2003. Mostly, however, the Green is used by small groups and families. For its part, the Triangle offers a rest stop for joggers, especially in warm summer months. Attractive surroundings, shade, seats, and water (even a doggie bag dispenser) make urban oases of these pocket parks. We hope these model successes will show what’s possible and inspire further improvements.

Total amount of the grant you are requesting from KAB: \$1,861

List the items you are requesting funding for. Please specify quantities where appropriate:

Exterior dual spout stainless steel handicap accessible water fountain	400	
80 feet of copper tubing	160	
Misc. plumbing fixtures	75	
Gravel for drainage bed	50	
Rental of excavation equipment	80	
Concrete and forms need to pour concert pad for fountain pad	30	
FOUNTAIN		\$795
200 80-lb size “Sacrete” premixed concrete bags @ \$3.13 (tax included)	625	
30 pieces of 3/8” rebar 10-foot lengths @ \$2.26 (tax included)	68	
Delivery charges	80	
EROSION CONTROL		\$773
3 10-gallon size Texas Mountain Laurels @ \$50	150	
2 20-gallon size Shumard Red Oaks @ \$70	140	
3 bags mulch @ \$3	9	
TREES		\$293

		\$1861