

Design & Implementation Tasks – Jocelyn Cohen

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Ongoing and in progress

- Plant the seed for a Sidewalk Pocket Park Garden Movement.
- Make visual presentation to various stakeholders, organizations and professional conferences.
- Network and build a core group of supporters and alliances.
- Work with City Department's to create policy in support of public gardens in public rights-of-way.

Current tasks for successful pilot sites

- Fine tune time line with specific target dates and goals.
 1. March 30, 2008 signed agreements with adjoining property owners.
 2. June 15, 2008 all collaborations in place.
 3. June 30, 2008 installation begins.
 4. Compile notes and documentation for "Guidelines" flyer/brochure available online August 1, 2008
- Commit to three sites with both Landmark or "significant trees" and willing participants.

Each SPPG can be unique, drawing from the culture and aesthetics of its caretakers, can be one street address or a whole block.
- Involve communities directly affected with each SPPG creation.
- Create site analysis of proposed SPPGs establishing a base map, site conditions and existing plant inventory.
- Write specifications, including budget, collaborations & implementation.
 1. Simple Design & Plant Plan for each site, assistance from APLD.
 2. Contractor notes for demolition
 3. Secure donations of plants from local nurseries.
 4. Collaboration with concrete contractors or DPW to remove concrete, design to reuse as much of concrete on site as possible.
 5. Collaborate with local arborist/tree workers to prune large trees if needed.
 6. Collaborate with Merritt College Pruning Club to prune smaller trees under 20'.
 7. Have media lined up to cover the transformation, Ron Sullivan and Joe Eaten from "The Chronicle."
- Use appropriate resources to implement.
- Produce simple guidelines giving instructions for ongoing care of tree(s) and plants.
- Document process and create simple brochure outlines guidelines for participating in the SPPG Program.

Example of Specifications for SPPG installation

Line itemize so we have a unit cost for each task

1. Remove concrete and take to recycle
2. Remove concrete and re-use to build small dry stack wall/border around garden
3. Amend soil and preparation as necessary in new planting areas
4. Unit Cost to plant 1 gallon plant
5. Unit Cost to plant 5 gallon plant

Example of Specifications for installation

6. Do not rototill soil as we want little disturbance to tree roots, amend soil as necessary to bring to grade mixing with native soil
7. Preservation requirements for existing tree(s) as needed
8. Mulch entire area with 3" of mulch, fir bark or Forest Floor
9. New plants to be placed in field by designer