



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 20, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

**FROM:** David Swearingen, P.E. Public Works Director / City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Landscaping Maintenance – West of TH-10

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
\$N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A

**Council Should Consider**

Council should consider future maintenance of the landscaping west of TH-10 that was installed as part of the MnDOT 2016 reconstruction of the TH-10 and Hwy-96 interchange.

**Background/Discussion**

As part of the MnDOT 2016 reconstruction of the TH-10 and Hwy-96 interchange, landscaping was installed as shown in Attachment A. Currently, per cooperative agreements with MDOT and Ramsey County, the maintenance of the area shown in Attachment A is as follows:

City Responsibility

- Mowing of all turf areas
- Maintenance of plantings on the South side of the retaining wall, adjacent to Lakeshore Place

Ramsey County Responsibility

- Maintenance of plantings and gardens on the North side of the retaining wall adjacent to Hwy-96 and Old US 10

Since 2016, the landscaping under Ramsey County responsibility has been reported by residents and has been observed to be in poor condition. There are several trees/plantings that have died, the gardens are not maintained well and consist mainly of weeds.

This topic was raised at the July 18, 2022 Work Session. At that time City Council was interested in having Arden Hills Public Works take over the maintenance of this area from Ramsey County in exchange for the existing plantings in poor condition to be replaced by the County at no cost to the

City. Since then, County staff has coordinated with a contractor to have the landscaping replaced this Spring 2023, if City Council is still interested in proceeding.

If given direction to proceed, a formal Cooperative Agreement will be brought to Council for approval at a future regular City Council Meeting.

**Budget Impact**

N/A

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Landscaping plan sheet from MnDOT 2016 Reconstruction project