

COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION
AWARD WINNERS 2021

2021 Community Landscape Beautification Award Winners

MNLA's Plant Michigan Green initiative raises awareness of the positive economic and environmental impact that quality landscaping brings to Michigan. The Plant Michigan Green Community Landscape Beautification Award Program was developed to recognize outstanding communities that exemplify excellence in improving the physical and aesthetic environment of their community.

This year's winning projects excelled in quality craftsmanship and unique design ideas. MNLA congratulates the following 2021 Community Landscape Beautification Award Winners!

Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

"Clarkston Independence District Library"

Kent Garden Club, Twin Lakes Nursery, Inc.,

Splash Irrigation, Inc.

"Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Memorial Garden"

Meridian Garden Club

"Okemos Post Office Garden"

The Garden Club of Greater Lansing, Landscape Architects
& Planners, City of Lansing Parks & Recreation

"Scott Sunken Garden"



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The Garden Club of Greater Lansing, pictured from left to right: Ellen Bloomer, Linda Norwood, Deb Johnson, Joan Lenhard, City of Lansing Mayor Andy Schor, Reba Torongo, Barbara Lowes, Daiva Devereaux, Joanne Bauer, Ronnie Polad, Ann Lenhard, Suz Berger, Suzanne Dudley, Barb Spotttek, Mary Ballard



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“Scott Sunken Garden”

A historic gem in Downtown Lansing, developed in the early 1930s in the foundation of a home that had been razed, was part of the estate of REO company President Richard Scott, and deeded to the City in 1944. In 2016, the City sold the property to the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL), and the BWL found a spot nearby where the garden could be moved. In 2019, funded by BWL and with the help of Landscape Architects & Planners, the Lansing Parks & Recreation, and the Garden Club of Greater Lansing, the move was finally completed.

Some of the complications with this move were saving and storing the original plants, moving all of the bricks and setting them to look like the original garden, and working in more sun than the previous location. The bricks were power-washed white and new plants had to be introduced. Although it isn't the same garden, it is still a beautiful garden. COVID added another hurdle as it has been difficult finding people to maintain the garden, however, there is a committed group of members in the Garden Club that have taken on the task of nurturing this treasure.

