

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: JULY 8TH, 2025

STAFFING UPDATE

Paul Matthews is the official staff liaison until a permanent replacement for Tiffany Giacobazzi is hired. Nicholas Jacob is serving as the interim Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Planning Coordinator.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Date	Event	Time	Staffing
April 19 th	FreeTree Giveaway	11am – 4pm	Rob Davenport, Brooks Curtis
April 27 th	LSNC Earth Day	1pm – 4:30pm	Richard Wieland, Rob Davenport
May 18 th	Huron River Days – Gallup Park	12pm – 4 pm	Richard, Sam, Lynn
June 2 nd	Sign unveiling – Gallup Park	3pm	All

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Date	Event	Time	Staffing
September 19 th	Mayor's Green Fair	5pm – 8pm	TBD

SIGNAGE

The unveiling event proceeded on June 2nd as planned. Turnout was excellent and included Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Jon Mallek, and several collaborators on previous projects.

Temporary signage for the EDFC cannot be placed in the right-of-way. It can, however, be placed on Parks property. Jamie Pauline made edits to the sign design based on Laurie Tabachnick's suggestions from last month's meeting and sent the slide over to Parks for final edits. Parks approved of the design. Pauline will pursue printing signs for the recent plantings at Gallup and Creal Parks.

ARBOR DAY PLANTING

Arbor Day planting took place in conjunction with the sign unveiling. The Elizabeth Dean Fund ordered a London planetree and an American hornbeam from Margolis; city staff installed the trees and watered them.

ACTIVITIES ALONG N MAIN AND I-94 BUSINESS LOOP

Public Works initially believed that it would not be able to plant along MDOT-maintained roads. After some research, Public Works now believes it is permitted to plant in these areas. However, the opinion of the city's legal team is that the Elizabeth Dean Fund cannot plant along these roads because the right-of-way does not technically belong to the City of Ann Arbor. Any Dean Fund plantings along these roads will not move forward.