

How much \$ was it to build?

- \$1,144 for plants
- Removal of grass, bushes, tree, stump and concrete mow strip: \$2,000
- DG pathway installation and edging: \$2,020
- Plant prepping (tilling, compost) : \$850
- Irrigation installation and conversion from sprinkler system: \$850
- Mulching: covering 560 sq ft with landscape fabric and cardboard, installing 7 cubic yards of shredded cedar: \$1,260
- Time donated by UCD Arboretum plant expert (Rachel Davis) to consult on plant list and create plant design (attached). Staff time for project management and planting.

How long did the process take?

- 2 days for plant removal and sheet mulching. 5 months wait time with mulch on grass to suppress. 1 day planting.

How much maintenance does it need now vs before when it was a lawn?

- The lawn used to be watered daily and mowed 2x per week. Now, it only requires check ins every 2 weeks and weeding monthly. Drip system is automatic.

What was the push behind this landscape change?

- Water conservation and providing an urban pollinator landscape for pollinators.

How often is it watered?

- 3x per week for 30 mins @ 1.5 gallons per hour in summer. In winter it is reduced to 1-2x per week depending on weather.

What type of pollinators are attracted to this garden?

- honeybees, native bees, bumble bees, carpenter bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, hoverflies, moths, beetles

Unforeseen issues that you might of encountered?

- We had an irrigation leak that went undetected for about 2 weeks. Several plants didn't get water so they died and we had to replace them. Haven't had issues since.

Where did you get your plants?

- UCD Arboretum

Do you see this garden expanding or growing in some way?

- As it is so young, we want to see it continue growing before making any changes.

Why was the change from a green lawn worth it to you?

- Absolutely! We are proud to have City Hall as an urban pollination station for our local pollinators.

How would you describe this garden?

- It's a pollinator demonstration garden. Our hope is that community members get inspired and add more pollinator plants to their own gardens.

Advice for others who are interested in creating their own garden?

- Visit many gardens and nurseries before starting. Research is the key to success!