

Signage Beautification



Beautification Effort Locations

The locations noted on the map show where beautification efforts will be primarily focused throughout Polk City.



Four Seasons Mural



Polk City Community Beautification

Site Furnishings

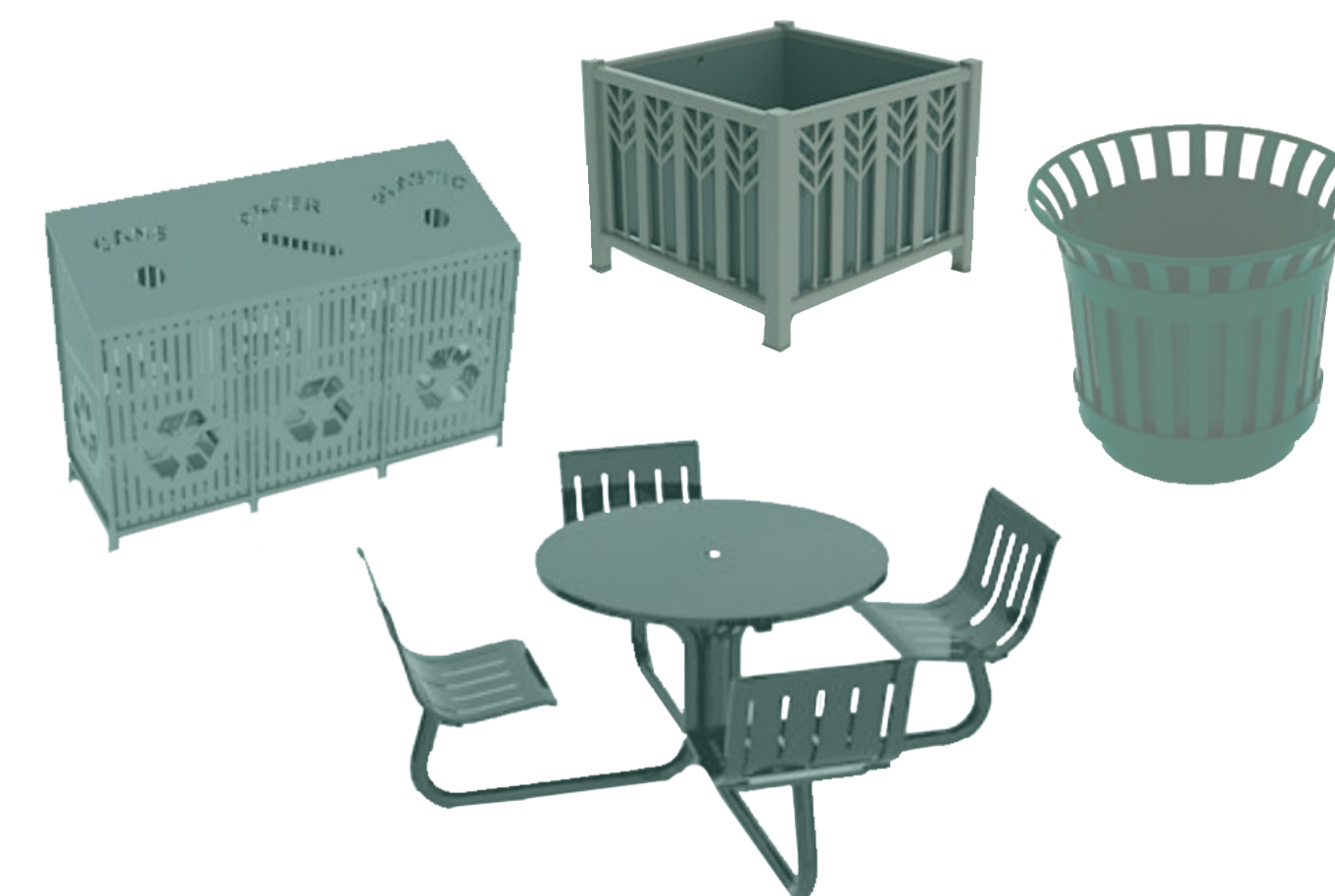
Existing Elements

Trash Cans, Bike Racks, Benches, and Water Fountains



Proposed Supplemental Furnishings

Recycling Bins, Picnic Tables, and Planters



Native Plant Selection

Selecting a variety of native and ornamental plants enhance the beauty of public spaces in a community. Plants can be chosen to not only add amenities such as shade and wildlife habitat, but also highlight the beauty of plant life throughout each of the four seasons.

Native Decorative Plants

Native flowers and grasses add color, visual interest, and an ode to the native Iowa landscape.

<p>Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>) 3-2 ft tall Needs sun/partial shade</p>	<p>Big Bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>) 4-8 ft tall Needs sun/partial shade</p>	<p>Cardinal Flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>) 1-6 ft tall Needs sun/partial shade</p>
<p>Pale Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea pallida</i>) 2-3 ft tall Needs sun/partial shade</p>		
	<p>Black-Eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>) 1-2 ft tall Needs sun/partial shade</p>	<p>Dotted Mint (<i>Monarda punctata</i>) 1-2 ft tall Needs full sun</p>

Street Trees

Street trees provide numerous benefits for a community: shade, seasonal color, wildlife habitat, and much more. There are a variety of trees seen throughout Polk City, but some are better than others in terms of their quality as a street tree. In order to fund new trees, the city can work with Trees Forever for help with planning, funding, and tree installation. The following are great street tree varieties that Trees Forever could assist with:

<p>Honeylocust (<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>) Mature height: 30-70 ft Mature width: 30-70 ft</p>	<p>Swamp White Oak (<i>Quercus bicolor</i>) Mature height: 50-60 ft Mature width: 50-60 ft</p>	<p>Maidenhair Ginkgo (<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>) Mature height: 50-80 ft Mature width: variable</p>
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