

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer

Copy to: Patricia Abbott, Controller, Interim Town Manager

Date: June 17, 2024

Re: Redesign Beverly Place landscaping

Beverly Place between State Line Avenue and Hohman Avenue is a two-lane residential street with a wide median which was originally a concrete roadway overlaid with asphalt such that the curb and gutter was filled in and no longer functioning. The road's Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) is 2 out of 10, indicating very poor condition. The street was earmarked for rehabilitation with Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) funds. The work was performed in 2023.

In addition to pavement rehabilitation, Beverly Place was a part of a green infrastructure pilot program. Green infrastructure uses the natural environment as well as engineered systems to manage storm water. Examples of green infrastructure include permeable pavement, rain gardens, bioswales, and green roofs. These systems often use specialized landscaping and natural plant and soil systems to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspiration stormwater, remove pollutants from stormwater runoff, and reduce flows to sewer systems and surface waters.

The redesign of Beverly Place included bioswales in the median to detain storm water runoff before it reaches the storm sewer system utilizing a 5-to-10-foot section of the median adjacent to the roadway to avoid conflicts with existing utilities running down the middle of the median.

An unknown mixture of general prairie grasses and wildflowers were planted throughout the area. The mixture has created an unkept, overgrown environment which has impacted the sight lines of traffic and is not in keeping with the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and voice vote, authorize the Council President to sign the Landscape Architectural Service Proposal from Planned Environment Associates for landscape assessment and design of the Beverly Place median, bioswales, and other areas within the Town's right-of-way, between Hohman Avenue and State Line Road in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.