



Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) Annual Report

(State Fiscal Year '23 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

Martha Anderson Veteran's Memorial Park

In February 2021, the Springfield City Council appointed a committee to develop and recommend a site plan for improvements to the Martha Anderson Veterans Memorial Park. The Committee was comprised of veterans, downtown business owners, park/trail board members, and city staff. The committee developed a plan for improvements including large, engraved granite plaques, new sidewalk, curb and gutter, new lighted bollards, benches, ornamental trees, and bushes. Names of veterans have been engraved on the monument and space for additional names was left to expand the listing over time. The existing Alan Kettner Monument will be rehabilitated and relocated within the Martha Anderson Veterans Memorial Park entrance.

- Contact information:
 - Grantee Name: City of Springfield
 - Telephone number: 507-723-3500
 - Springfield City Council Members:
 - Lowell Helget, Mayor
 - Theresa Beckman, Council Member
 - Shelly Frantz, Council Member
 - Nick Klisch, Council Member
 - John Ryan, Council Member
- E-mail address of the funding recipient: amber.dale@springfieldmn.org
- Web address where the public can directly access detailed information on the recipient's receipt and use of money for the project The amount and source of funding, including the fiscal year of the appropriation:
 - <https://www.springfieldmn.org/parks-department/pages/martha-anderson-veterans-memorial-park>



- The amount and source of any additional funding or leverage: Funding for the project came from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (\$9678), a grant from Southwest Minnesota Initiative Foundation (\$10,000), donation of funds from the public and businesses (\$134,205.57), and funds appropriated by the city council (\$16,720.29). Total Funding: \$170,603.86
- The duration of the project(s): The project began with committee appointment and design specs in February 2021, and construction of the monument and sidewalks has been completed, with seeding and landscaping to be completed in the Spring of 2024.
- The number of full-time equivalents funded under the project(s). For the purposes of this item, "full-time equivalent" means a position directly attributed to the receipt of money from one or more of the funds covered under this section, calculated as the total number of hours planned for the position divided by 2,088: Zero
- The direct expenses and administration costs of the project(s): Expenses to date total \$164,925.74
- Proposed measurable outcomes and the plan for measuring and evaluating the results: Per the application, desired measurable outcomes are the increase of foot traffic at the site by 2-4 visitors per day and the receipt of comments from residents and visitors proud and honored with the memorial built. The proposed plan for measuring these results is by a community feedback survey.
- For pass-through, noncompetitive grants, the entity acting as the fiscal agent or administering agency and a point of contact for additional information: N/A
- Actual measured outcomes and evaluation of projects as required under 129D.17, subdivision 2: Outcomes data not yet available.

Education about the areas and issues the projects address, including, when feasible, maps of where projects have been undertaken: Martha Anderson Memorial Park was established in 1911 in memory of Martha Jorgensen Anderson, wife of A.G. Anderson, first railroad station agent and pioneer businessman, in Burns Station. In 1979 a committee of club women were selected to promote re-landscaping. The city planted new trees and shrubs and the American Legion and Auxiliary erected a new monument in honor of servicemen and women and dedicated Memorial Day, 1979. The site had not been substantially updated since that time. See below maps of the project area before construction, and map of the improvements to be fully completed in spring 2024.

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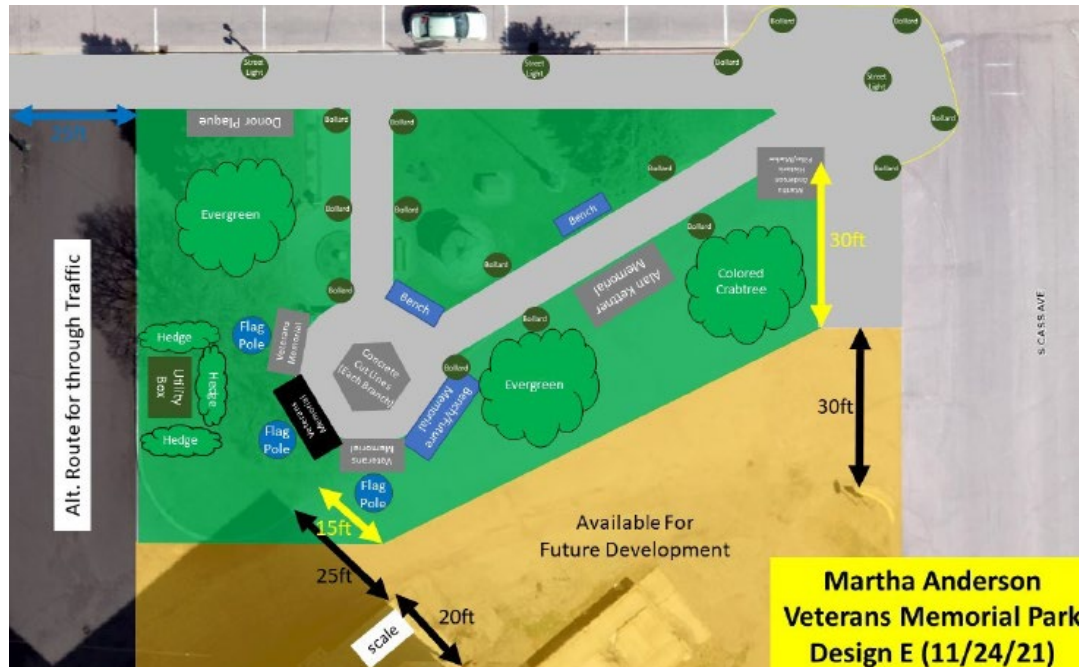
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- Before:



- Improved:



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- All frameworks developed for future uses of each fund: N/A
- Methods by which members of the public may apply for project funds under any of the constitutionally dedicated funds: N/A