

Overview of Charlestown Medians Artistic Ideas



The use of large pots throughout the design, instead of direct planting will protect the plants from salt and other harmful road substances.



Keeping plantings away from the edges will also keep greenery safe.

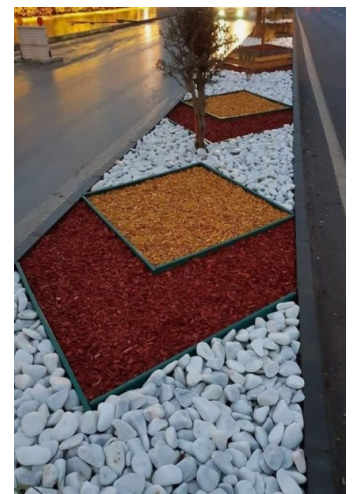


Using artistic elements will make the designs stand out and different from any median design in the local area.



If you want summer color, you could add potted plant options.

Endless possibilities..



Additional ideas from Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District

SITE: house and fence corner

CONDITIONS: drier and more sun

PLANTS:

Short:
 Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
 Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*)
 Alumroot (*Heuchera americana*)

Medium:
 Threadleaf coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
 Bluestar amsonia (*Amsonia hubrichtii*)

Tall:
 Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
 Blue false indigo (*Baptisia australis*)
 Grey-headed coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
 Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

Color palette:

1 block = 1 ft.²

Threadleaf coreopsis

Purple coneflower

Grey-headed Coneflower

Blue false indigo

DESIGN TEMPLATES CONTAINER GARDEN

Helpful hints:

- Containers are often planted with a tall plant, a plant that fills the pot and one that spills over the brim. These varying heights are attractive, but you can also use a single plant for good effect.
- Pots should have drainage holes in the bottom, be deep enough for root growth, and wide enough so that plants aren't crowded.
- Large pots work best, but make sure they aren't too heavy. Add wheels to pots to be able to move them around easily.

CONDITIONS:

more sun

more shade

1 block = 6 in.²

34 in. diameter

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Color palette:

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PLANTS:

Spilling:
 Barren strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*)
 Wine cups (*Callirhoe involucrata*)

Filler:
 Pink coreopsis (*Coreopsis rosea*)
 Alumroot (*Heuchera americana*)

Tall:
 Little blue stem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
 Ostrich fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)

PLANT ALTERNATIVES:
 (use alone or in combination)

more sun

Filler/Spilling:
 Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
 Prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia compressa*)

Filler:
 Nodding onion (*Allium cernuum*)
 Dwarf crested iris (*Iris cristata*)
 Snow flurry aster (*Symphotrichum ericoides*)

Tall:
 Black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida*)
 Spotted beebalm (*Monarda punctata*)
 Penstemon (*Penstemon digitalis*)
 Garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)
 Little lemon goldenrod (*Solidago 'Little Lemon'*)

more shade

Filler/Spilling:
 Moss phlox (*Phlox subulata*)
 Prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia compressa*)

Filler:
 Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)
 Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*)
 Most heucheras

Tall:
 Bottlebrush grass (*Elymus hystrix*)

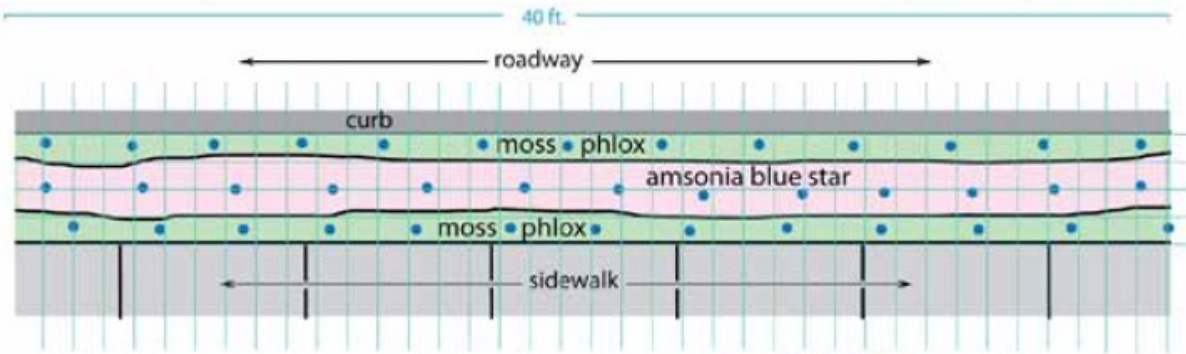
Little bluestem

Pink coreopsis

Barren strawberry

SITE: soil strip between sidewalk and street

CONDITIONS: drier and more sun



Color palette:  1 block = 1 ft.2

PLANTS:

Short:
Moss phlox
(*Phlox subulata*)

Medium:
Amsonia blue star
(*Amsonia hubrichtii*)

