

Adopt a Tree Well

Who: All Merchants & Landlords

What: A “pilot” project to plant flowers in the Tree Wells.

Where: In front of your store or property

Why: To enhance the appearance of the Tree Wells throughout the downtown.

When: Now – with planting to be completed between May 10th and May 31st.

How: By providing flowers and following the specifications provided.

Working with the City of Summit, SDI has reached an agreement for merchants and landlords to “adopt a tree well”. This is a great opportunity to partner with the City to enhance the appearance of our Downtown. By adopting a tree well you are agreeing to purchase, plant and maintain the flowers in your tree well. You may adopt more than one tree well on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested please complete forms and return to:

Mark Wadmond at the Video Station, 55 Union Place, Summit, NJ 07901 or to SDI offices at 18 Bank Street Suite 1E Summit, NJ 07901

Any questions should be addressed to Mark Wadmond 273-0024

____ Yes, I would like to “Adopt-a-Well” (Number of tree wells____)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

e-Mail: _____

Choose 1 of 2

____ 1) I will plant my tree well myself

____ 2) I will donate \$100 per tree well for approved vendor to plant my tree well
(enclose check for appropriate amount made out to “SDI”)

Location of Tree well - Choose 1 of 2

____ 1) In front of store

____ 2) Other location (SDI will select location)

Please see attached guidelines for details of planting and maintenance guidelines.

Specifications for “Adopt-a-Tree Well” Pilot Program

PRURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the visual improvement of tree wells in the Summit Downtown business district through the planting of annual and perennial flowers which will be compatible with the existing street trees and infrastructure.

AVAILABLE PLANTING AREA

Annual Flowers: The planting area for annual flowers shall consist of a perimeter planting of the tree planting well to encroach no further than 8” from the edge of the concrete perimeter barriers, no deeper than 4-6” below the existing grade, and no higher than the top edge of the concrete perimeter barriers.

To protect existing tree roots all excavation within this area must be by hand tools. No mechanical tillers or augers shall be used to prepare planting beds or to install plant material.

Perennial Flowers: The planting area for perennial flowers (bulbs) is in the rectangular area directly above and probably within the tree root ball. To protect existing tree roots, all excavation within this area must be by hand tools. No mechanical tillers shall be used to prepare planting beds or to install plant material. No perennial flowers may be planted in the area within 12 inches of the tree trunk.

Weed Control: The use of herbicides or weed barriers within the wells is strictly prohibited. All weed control must be through hand weeding or by mulching with 2-3” of shredded hardwood mulch.

Watering: Through a partnership with SDI and Department of Public Works plants will be watered 3 to 4 times weekly.

Suggested Plant Material (other plant varieties may be used):

Spring Perennials	Summer Annuals		Fall Annuals
Daffodils	Begonia	Geraniums	Chrysanthemums
Tulips	Marigolds	Low Dahlias	Cabbage
Crocus	Dusty Miller	Red Salvia	Kale
Vinca Minor	Pansy	Coleus	

Note: Additional suggestions for shade and sun plants can be obtained from Mark Wadmond at Video Station. Flower varieties must be less than 18” tall at maturity. For best results, all bulbs should be planted in early fall.

Maintenance: Moisture retentive additive for the soil should be used for those planting their own tree wells. Please see Mark Wadmond at Video Station for the additive. Sponsors shall be responsible for the prompt removal of dead or dying plant material at the end of each respective flowering season. Annual beds should be neatly mulched through the winter months. Litter should be removed throughout the year as necessary.

Note: The City Forester and members of the Parks Unit will periodically evaluate the success of the pilot project and make recommendations for any changes. The City reserves the right to cancel the program should any trees within the tree wells be damaged.

****See attached diagram for visual aid assistance and direction**

Tree Well Planting Recommendations for the City of Summit

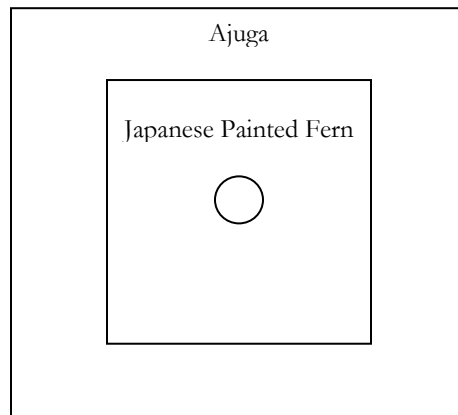
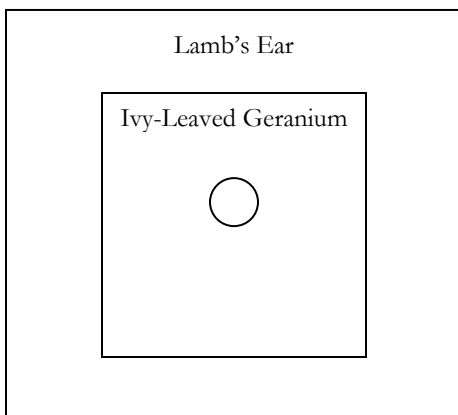
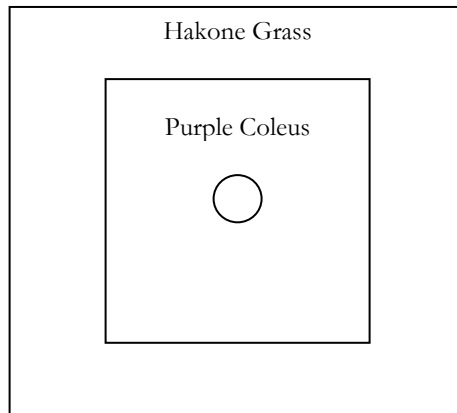
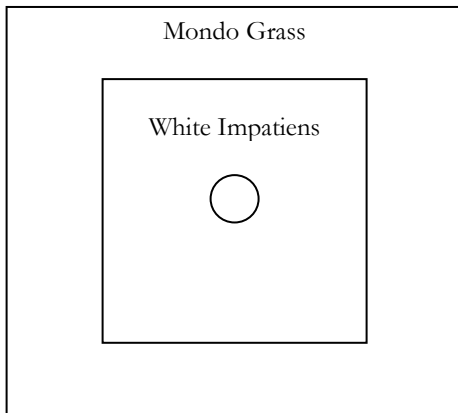
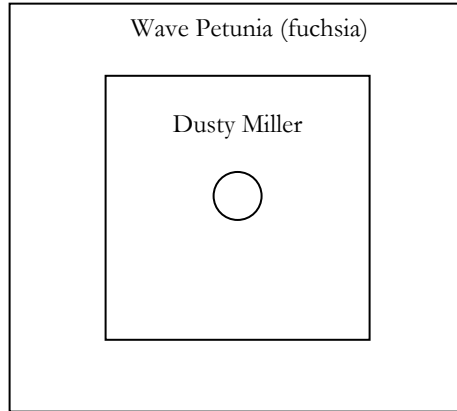
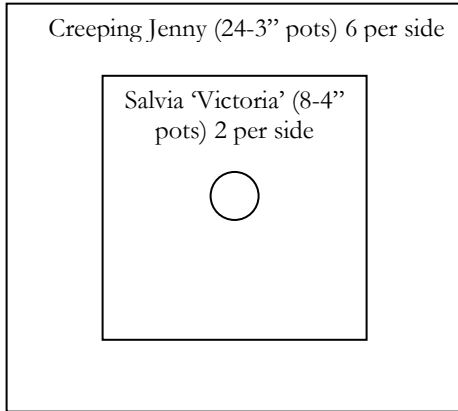
Shade				
Common Name	Botanical Name	Annual	Perennial	Description
Ajuga	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>		X	A green and purple ground cover with spiky blue flowers in the spring.
Begonia	Begonia	X		Okay, they are a bit boring, but they bloom all summer.
Black Mondo Grass	<i>Ophiopogon planiscapus</i>		X	A short, dark purple, grass-like plant with short white flowers in the summer.
Coleus	<i>Solenostemon</i>	X		Foliage plants with variegated leaves in a huge range of colors. For best results, pinch and fertilize during the growing season.
Golden Hakone Grass	<i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'Aurea'		X	A slow-growing, mounding golden grass, approximately 12 inches tall.
Impatiens	<i>Impatiens walleriana</i>	X		An ever-blooming, shade tolerant annual in pink, rose, white or coral. Needs regular water.
Japanese Painted Fern	<i>Athyrium niponicum</i>		X	A grey and green fern with red ribs. A beauty. 8-12 inches tall
Lilyturf	<i>Liriope spicata</i>		X	An evergreen, grass-like plant with spiky blue or white flowers in late summer. Needs to be cut down in February.

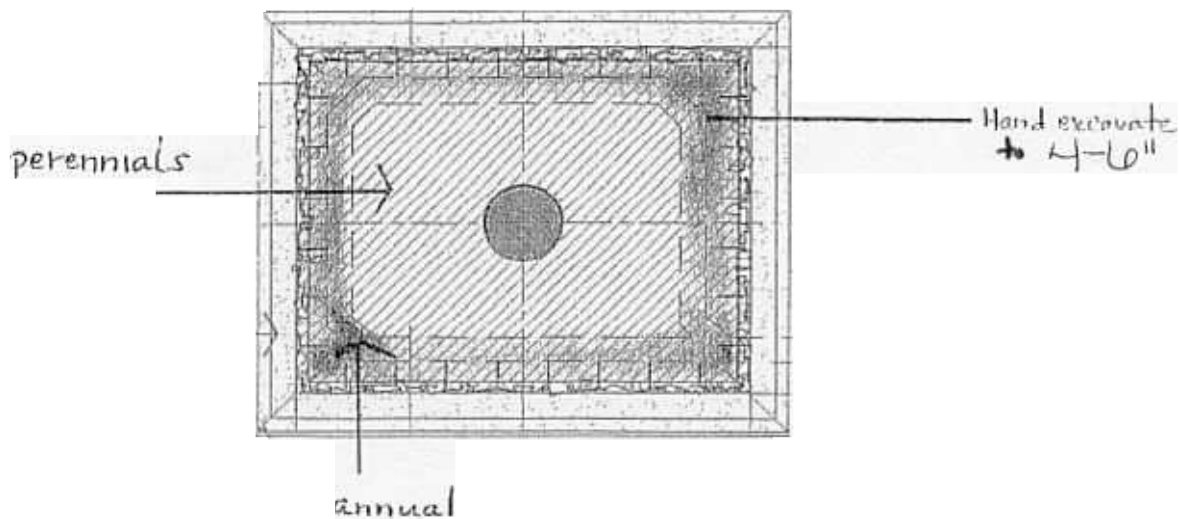
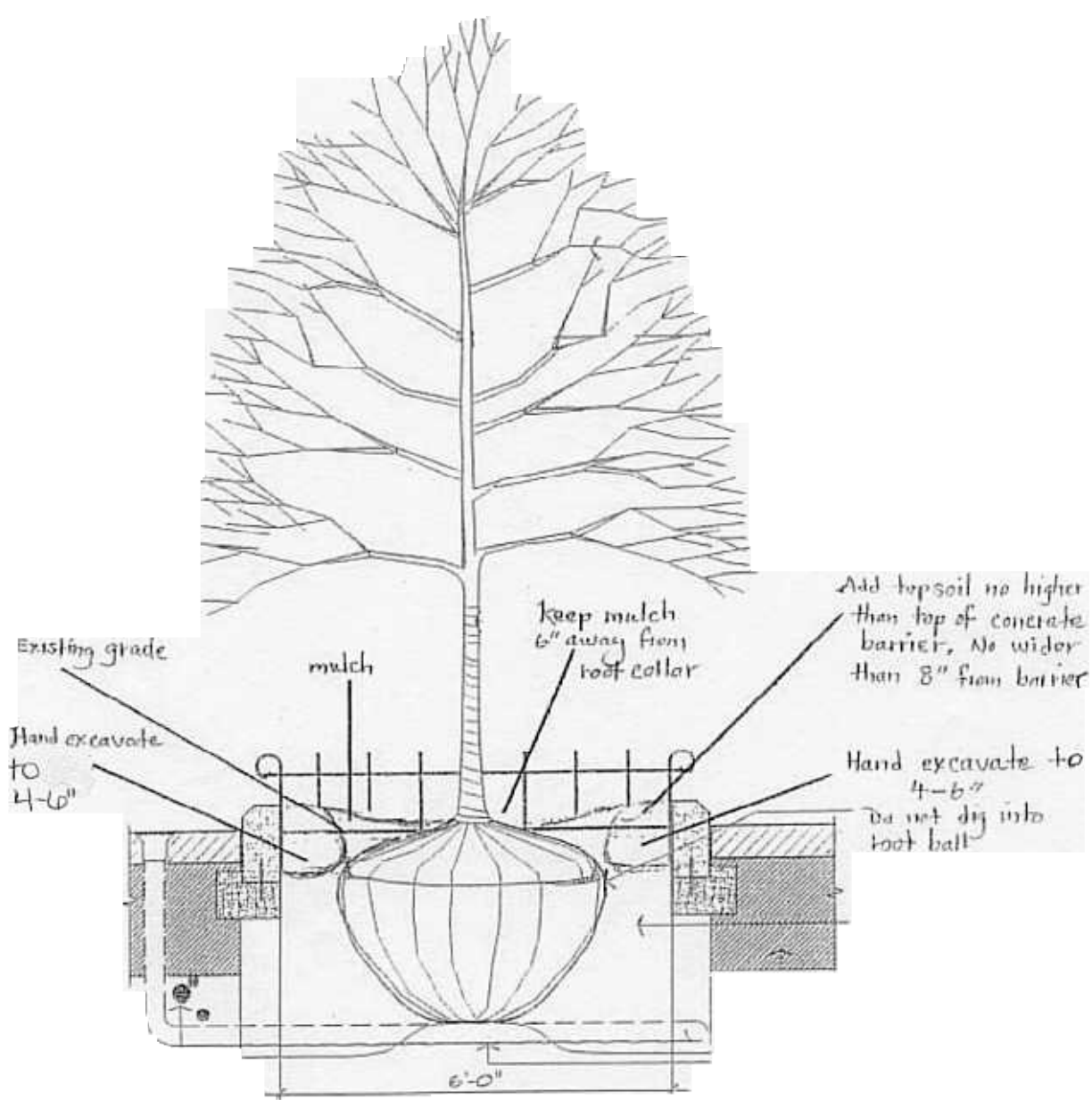
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Sun				
Common Name	Botanical Name	Annual	Perennial	Description
Annual Sage	<i>Salvia farinacea</i> 'Victoria'	X		Blooms summer through autumn with deep, lavender blue flowers.
Dusty Miller	<i>Senecio cineraria</i> 'Silver Dust'		X	Grey leaved perennial.
Floss Flower	<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>	X		A hardy, drought tolerant annual. There are both short and tall varieties.
Golden Creeping Jenny	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> 'Aurea'		X	A golden ground cover, 1-2 inches tall.
Ivy Leafed Geranium	<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i>	X		A vining geranium with pink flowers and lovely foliage.
Lambs Ear	<i>Stachys byzantina</i> 'Helene Von Stein'		X	A grey-leaved perennial grown for the fuzzy leaves.
Marigolds	<i>Tagetes</i>	X		Buy low-growing varieties in bright colors for all-season bloom.
Pansies	<i>Viola tricolor</i>			Great flowers with adorable faces.
Perennial Sage	<i>Salvia</i> 'May Night'		X	A medium size perennial with lovely blue spiky flowers in early summer.
Sedum	<i>Sedum</i> 'Autumn Joy'		X	A tall grey-leafed, drought tolerant perennial that has spectacular bloom in the fall.
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Zagreb'		X	Golden flowers all summer.
Verbena	<i>Verbena</i> 'Homestead Purple'	X		A long-flowering annual with purple blooms.
Wave Petunias	<i>Petunia</i> 'Wave Series'	X		Profuse bloomer in rose, blue, pink, white, purple. Approximately a foot tall.

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Sample Designs





Annuals and perennials to be installed by hand.
No tillers or augers to be used.