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North Roosevelt Avenue project

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Hello, Councilmembers,

I'm writing to see if one of you would be willing to help me get attention for a sorely needed project in North Bexley. It seems too big of a project to submit to Bexley Base, but I'm not quite sure where to direct the request. If nothing else, perhaps one of you can point me in the right direction!

North Roosevelt Avenue is one of Bexley's beautiful brick streets and its best feature is the lovely wide boulevard area separating the east and west sides. When we moved in (146 N. Roosevelt) ten years ago, it was a nice, if not remarkable, green space, but neglect has now transformed it into an eyesore. About half the space is missing grass and has become a large patch of dirt. When the city comes out to mow, it just creates a giant dust cloud. Large weeds are growing throughout, and around the stop sign at Roosevelt and Denver, they're currently growing as tall as 3-4 feet. A spot where a dead tree came down has stood empty for several years now with nothing replanted. The existing trees appear to be in need of care; expansive root systems are showing above ground. In short, the space has started to look noticeably ugly and run-down.

What can I do to ask the city to give this space the attention it needs - planting grass, rooting out weeds, replacing missing trees, caring for existing trees, perhaps planting some low maintenance perennials, laying mulch, etc.? Our family is willing to serve as volunteer stewards of this area and to organize help from the neighbors in terms of weeding, watering, etc. We would be happy to give our time and effort to make this space beautiful.

I'm attaching some photos I took today to show you what the space currently looks like. Let me know if you have any trouble opening them. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sarah Borich

 Dead grass and weeds.jpg

 Dead grass.jpg

 Exposed tree roots.jpg

 Missing grass 2.jpg

 Missing grass.jpg

 Missing tree 2.jpg

 Missing tree and weeds 2.jpg

 Trees that need attention.jpg

 Weeds 2.jpg

 Weeds and dead plants.jpeg

 Weeds.jpg