

Villa Barr Strategic Plan Progress Report

August 2021



Since the last progress report in April 2021, a number of action steps and have been addressed by City staff, contractors and volunteers. These include:

Educational Resources

- An audio sculpture tour has been completed and is available on the IZI Travel app. The QR code and link are available at cityofnovi.org/villabarr and will soon be placed at the park. A botanical tour is forthcoming.



Means of Connecting

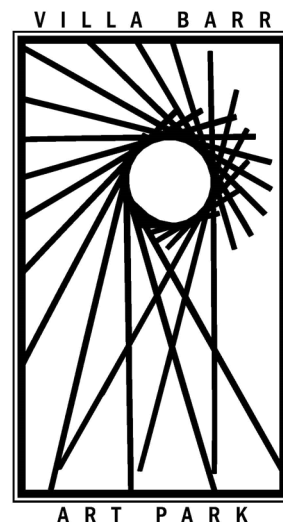
- The Friends of Villa Barr have assumed the role of artist-in-residency lead. They lead the committee to determine which artists will be awarded a residency, make arrangements for transportation, collaborate on public impact, etc.
- Artist Julia Forrest began her residency on August 21. She is hosting a virtual community program through the Novi Public Library and we look forward to her photos of the Novi area.
- Avenue, Shift and Temple were returned to Novi after being on loan to Farmington for a little more than two years. They are now on display in Fuerst Park.

Community Convener and Preserving the Legacy

- The red studio at Villa Barr was re-sided with vinyl siding in July. The color remains the same to retain the original aesthetic.
- [Artist John Sauve](#) sandblasted and repainted Irina and Arai for visual appeal and to retain their integrity.
- The ornamental garden was restored this summer using mostly low-maintenance native plants and following a plan put forth by the city's landscape architect. The garden is currently being maintained by a contractor. We will work to engage local master gardeners and volunteers to assist with community efforts in maintaining the garden for the longer term.

Sustainable Funding Sources

- Keep Michigan Beautiful awarded the City with a \$500 grant to support the replanting and maintenance of the restored ornamental garden.



Irina



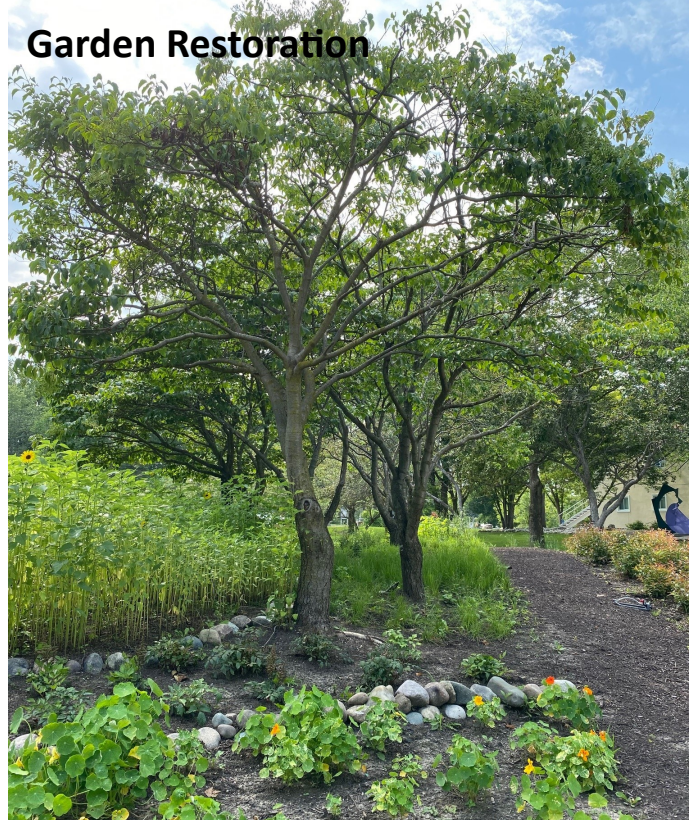
Arai



Studio Siding



Garden Restoration



Fuerst Park Install

