

Boise Heights Entryway Restoration & Beautification Project 2023

Goals & First Steps: lessen fire danger, reduce weedy species, eliminate noxious weeds, and reroute the very steep old footpath. Plant native grasses, trees and shrubs that are good for wildlife and that will thrive in a hot climate with low maintenance. Five fire-prone junipers were cut down, weed whacking and many decadent shrubs pruned. A state noxious weed, White Top, was found on a portion of site – & sprayed.

WE FOUND GREAT EXISTING NATIVES! Rubber Rabbitbrush, Big Sage,

Chokecherry-Bitter Cherry, “Strict” Buckwheat, *Erigonum strictus*. And we retained some Russian Olives (not a native tree).

PLANTS DONATED BY NEIGHBORS & TRANSPLANTED BY NEIGHBORS

56 Sheep Fescues *Festuca ovina*

Penstemons 2 Nanking Cherries

Lewis Flax (Blue flax) *Linum lewisii*

Native Asters

Big Sage - Hackberry Tree - Curl-leaf Mountain Mahogany

PLANTS PURCHASED

8 Grow-Low Sumac - 1 Big Sagebrush *Artemisia tridentata*

5 Wyeth Buckwheat *Erigonum heracleoides* - 3 Wasatch Penstemon

4 Curl-leaf Mountain Mahogany *Cercocarpus ledifolius*

5 Bitterbrush *Purshia tridentata*

54 Bluebunch Wheatgrass *Pseudogeneria spicata*

OTHER TASKS

- Irrigation Added in Three Systems – flow will be customized & plantings watered less frequently as shrubs get established.
- Existing Flowering Pear Trees got new drip watering devices (Neta-fin line)
- Mulches Placed: free wood chips + 12 tons of 5/16” chip gravel
- GeoBlock Retaining Wall Lengthened & Raised – to prevent sloughing of soil onto the sidewalk.

Our Thanks

TO MANY FINE NEIGHBORS WHO VOLUNTEERED OVER 1,000 HOURS OF TIME TO MAKE THIS IDEA REAL -- YOUR MUSCLE MATTERED! AND, GRATITUDE TO BOISE HEIGHTS FAMILIES WHO DONATED FUNDS IN ADDITION TO OUR BOISE CITY GRANT SO WE COULD COMPLETE THE JOB.

Before work began





**February –
June: many
workdays!**

