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### **Environmental Services Division Horticulture Floral Program**

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*Providing services that bring our City to life !*

# Horticulture Asset Review

- Community
- People
- Processes
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**Tropical  
Greenhouse**



**Production  
Greenhouses**





# Major Facilities and Parks

***Maintain all of the grounds, shrub, perennial and annual beds:***

- Cenotaphs (Multiple locations, 20 annual beds)
- Sam Lawrence Park (18 acres, 27 annual beds)
- City Hall (9 acres, 34 planters, green roof, vegetable garden, new pollinators garden, café beds, Main street bulb and annual beds)
- Whitehern (grass perennial, bulb and annual beds)
- Fire stations 19 locations (grass and shrub beds)



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# Major Facilities and Parks

***Maintain all of the grounds, shrub, perennial and annual beds:***

- Gore Park (1 acre, 12 annual beds)
- Gage Park (69 acres - 20 annual beds, 2 Butterfly Gardens, 40 hanging baskets, 16 planters)
- Rose Garden at Gage Park (31 beds, 15 different hybrid tea roses.)



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# Special Events

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## Floral Trees



## Council Chambers

# Hamilton Fall Garden & Mum Show

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# Spring Tide Show

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# Floral Traffic Island Program

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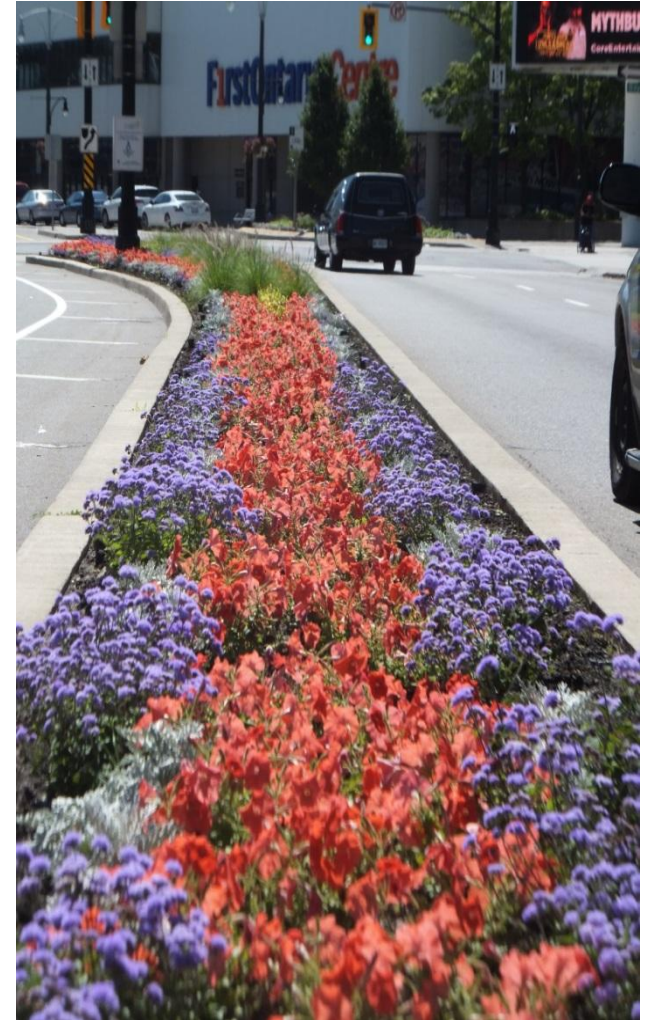
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# Highlights of the Program

- Present Inventory
- Traffic Islands
- Unique Islands
- Recent Awards
- Staff Complement
- Maintenance Schedule
- Hamilton in Bloom Program

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# Traffic Islands and Roundabouts



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- 294 Traffic Islands - annuals
- 100 Traffic Islands – perennial and shrub beds
- 68 Roundabouts

Additional areas include car parks,  
and small horticultural projects



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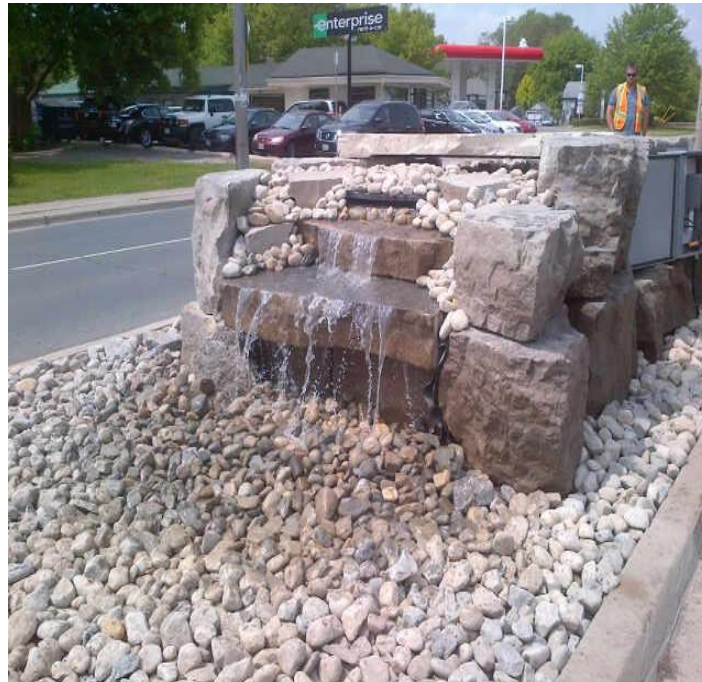
# Not a Typical Traffic Island

- City of Waterfalls
- Bountiful Harvest

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# Beds A Plenty!

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**Local events**



**All shapes and sizes**



**Variety of plant material**



# Awards for Horticulture

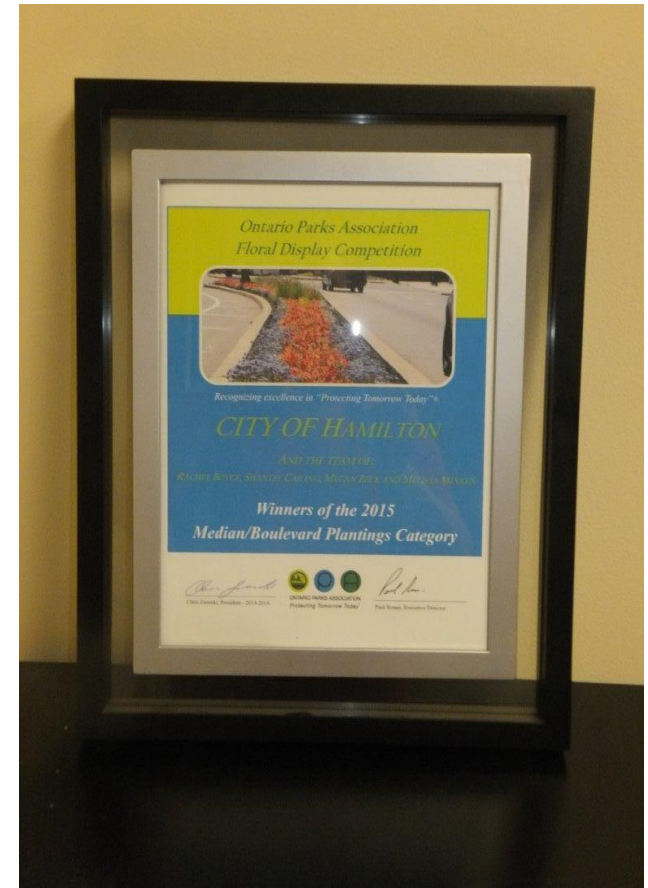
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2014 Medium to Large Garden



2015 Median Boulevard Planting

# Staff Complement

- Peak time – (April – Oct)  
22 full-time staff
- 43 Summer Students
- Up to 8 high school  
co-op students (fall and  
spring terms only)
- 2 full time Supervisors,  
1 Dual Supervisor,  
1 Seasonal Supervisor



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# Maintenance Schedule

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- Planting begins approx. Tuesday after Victoria long weekend
- 4 day plant, one day cultivate
- All beds are planted by 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June
- 5 day rotation for weeding, deadheading and overall clean-up
- Logs are kept by all Leadhands, to ensure smooth transition for vacation periods
- Schedule continues right up to the day the students go back to school



# Hamilton In Bloom

The City of Hamilton's **Hamilton In Bloom** program transforms asphalt and concrete traffic islands into magnificent flower beds. Each year, traffic islands throughout Hamilton are planted with annual flowers. Plant material is selected for its vibrant colour, interesting form and tolerance for adverse roadway conditions. All of the islands are designed, planted and maintained by the City's expert horticulture staff.

The Hamilton In Bloom Program offers civic minded businesses, service clubs, groups, individuals and organizations an opportunity to sponsor a flower bed and play an important role in making Hamilton a great city in which to live, work, and play



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# Looking Ahead

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# Questions

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