

Howard Bank Gives \$18,000

Beautification Program Gets Boost

The Howard Bank in Burlington has donated \$18,000 toward this year's beautification program in Burlington, which Mayor Bernard Sanders said Friday will be the "most ambitious and far-reaching beautification effort undertaken."

At a news conference, Sanders, Howard Bank President William Chadwick and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mary Strouse outlined the program and made a pitch for volunteers to sign up.

Sanders said the donation would pay for most of the \$23,000 project and said he was looking for other business sponsors to make up the \$5,000 difference.

Sanders said the arrangement showed "what an intelligent public-private relationship is all about."

Activities in the program:

- On April 25, volunteers will plant 200 trees throughout the city, a continuation of the program that has seen more than 2,000 trees already planted. The types of trees that will be planted are Summit ash, Crusader hawthorn, crabapple, Sargent cherry, Degroot linden, Skyline locust and hackberry.

- On May 2, Green Up Day, volunteers will participate in a citywide cleanup. In addition, the city landfill will be open to residents free until 4 p.m., and residents also may take woodchips from the McNeil Generating Station to use for mulching.

- On May 30, volunteers will plant several thousand flowers in a dozen public places.

- There will be three "paint-up,

spruce-up" weekends, June 27, July 18 and Aug. 15, when the city will supply paint to help community organizations repair or paint homes of low-income or senior citizens.

- There will be the second annual city beautification competition, in which homeowners, tenants and landlords will compete for more than 25 prizes. There will be a category this year for businesses and non-profit civic organizations.

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