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Problem lies with defining this space as boulevard:
This greenspace is larger/more expansive than a traditional boulevard which is at best typically 8 to 10 feet in width. We agree this planting program may not be appropriate for a small space provided in what we would expect to see on a typical boulevard and with that this stormwater inlet, grading and drainage design and plants that support this water quality improvement wouldn't be allowed to be incorporated in a boulevard. Once one appreciates that this large space is no longer meeting the definition of a boulevard – one can then appreciate that larger green spaces like this one that also have complex functions beyond the capabilities inherent with a boulevard. With that in mind I would make the observation that spaces of this scale and function that are beyond the scale of a boulevard should be defined differently and treated accordingly.

Horticulturally the planting bed that has these complex functions needs to be allowed to have plants that are best suited to clean water and provide pollinator habitat:
This greenspace wouldn't be able to function in a sustainable manner with restrictions that may be appropriately imposed on a boulevard – not a larger greenspace such as this one. For example we have numerous Rain Garden spaces woven into the streetscape / public works infrastructure throughout this Neighborhood & the City of St. Paul that simply do not meet the definition or requirements tied to a boulevard. If a management regime is required that is counter to the health and welfare of the plants that are best suited to thrive in these tricky & seasonal wet environments we are going to manage the functionality and what makes these stormwater cleaning effective out of these spaces. Therefore, we recommend to allow the Rain Gardens to have plants that will thrive as to create successful tools within the landscape that not only clean the water but provide critical pollinator habitat & interest within the urban landscape where appropriate.

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