

**Here's the process to make the face of our community
represent our standards and values.**

- Nature's Way Landscaping donated a detailed plan using native flora to beautify the entire Exit 23 eastbound and westbound ramp areas.
- The plan incorporates plants that need little maintenance, are disease and drought resistant and have a tolerance for exposure to road salt.
- The plan was presented to MDOT to make sure it conformed to the MDOT Adopt-A-Landscape guidelines (similar to the Adopt-A-Road program) and got tentative approval with replacement of one tree specie with a newly identified disease.
- A community Adopt-A-Road cleanup removed more than 150 container bags of roadside trash.
- Upon final MDOT approval, 14 landscape beds featuring more than 2300 individual shrubs and plants plus 87 trees will be planted within existing contours while not restricting vision of motorists in the entrance and exit ramps.

**No requests for funding from the State of Michigan will be made.
Our community front door. Our benefit. Our initiative. Our participation**

Each of the 14 beds needs a sponsor. Each flowering crab, red maple, Douglas fir, Serbian spruce and hawthorn trees (average cost about \$150) needs a sponsor.

BED	LOCATION	PLANTS/VARIETIES	SPONSORSHIP
A	Sponsored by Nature's Way	170 plants/5 varieties	\$1575
B	East Bound St. Joe Exit on right	205 plants/4 varieties	\$1900
C	Entrance to go East, on left	97 plants/3 varieties	\$850
D	East B Stevensville Exit , on right	115 plants/4 varieties	\$1350
E	Entrance to go West, on right	59 plants/ 4 varieties	\$700
F	West Bound dual Exit , on left	112 plants/4 varieties	\$1275
G	Entrance to go West, on left	137 plants/7 varieties	\$1500
H	Entrance ramp to West, on right	45 plants/2 varieties	\$825
I	Entrance West, Marquette Woods	160 plants/4 varieties	\$2850
J	West Bound dual Exit , on left	160 plants/4 varieties	\$2850
K	Early E.B. Stevensville Exit , on right	148 plants/3 varieties	\$3100
L	Mid E.B. Stevensville Exit , on right	358 plants/4 varieties	\$7100
M	E.B dual Exits , left & right	350 plants/3 varieties	\$5300
N	East Bound St. Joe Exit on right	225 plants/3 varieties	\$3200

If full sponsorship doesn't fit your budget, a donation of any amount or in-kind goods or services will support added touches that build attractiveness and encourage tourists, visitors and prospective business owners to consider our area.

Sponsorship or contribution checks should be made out to and sent to Cornerstone Alliance, 38 Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 -- write Exit 23 Beautification on your check. All funds will be managed by Cornerstone Alliance -- a 501(c)3 corporation -- so your contribution will be tax deductible.

- To reserve your preferred sponsorship or for more info, contact Glenn Youngstedt 269-861-2886 or email Glennyongstedt@aol.com.