

Beautification Committee

Charter Township of Superior

*Making Superior Township a cleaner, greener,
and more beautiful place for all.*

Why Beautification Matters

Superior Township is home to residents who care deeply about their community, their neighbors, and the natural environment that makes this place so special. We are a community that values green space, takes pride in where we live, and believes that a well-maintained Township reflects the character of the people who call it home.

Community Pride

A well-maintained township reflects the character of the people who call it home.

Quality of Place

Beautification strengthens community bonds and cultivates a sense of place.

Action Over Talk

Our residents don't just talk about making things better—they're ready to roll up their sleeves.

Our Mission

To make Superior Township a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place for all who live, work, and visit here.

This is not a passive advisory committee. The Beautification Committee is a **working group of citizen volunteers** who are expected to show up, participate actively, and put in the effort it takes to make a real difference.

What the Committee Does

Six Core Areas of Focus



Blight Remediation



Litter Reduction



Tree Management



Plantings & Green Space



Infrastructure



Community Engagement

Blight Identification & Remediation



Addressing blight remains a central function of this Committee and a pressing priority for the Township.

- ✓ Systematically identify and catalog blighted properties throughout the Township
- ✓ Coordinate with Township code enforcement and legal counsel
- ✓ Track and report progress on blight cases from identification through resolution
- ✓ Make recommendations to the Board on policy changes



Litter Reduction & Clean-Ups



Organize and coordinate regular community clean-up events along roadsides, parks, and public areas.



Partner with MDOT, Washtenaw County Road Commission, and other agencies to address systemic issues.



Identify locations in need of additional trash receptacles or signage to deter littering.



Explore funding options to remove roadside trash between volunteer event and improve overall roadside appearance.



Tree & Landscape Management



Identify hazardous, dead, or overgrown trees on Township-owned or managed land.



Recommend trimming or removal of problem trees.



Plan and coordinate community tree-planting initiatives.



Organize Arbor Day events and other tree-focused activities throughout the year.



Plantings & Green Space Enhancement



Plan and execute flower and native plant installations at Township gateways and public buildings.



Support creation of pollinator gardens, rain gardens, and sustainable landscape features.







Develop a planting plan prioritizing native Michigan species.



Focus on low-maintenance, climate-resilient landscaping.

Public Infrastructure



-  Identify damaged signage and coordinate repairs
-  Recommend aesthetic improvements to rights-of-way.
-  Identify maintenance needs (hydrant painting, street lights) and coordinate repairs with relevant departments.
-  Present recommendations to the Board for maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

Community Engagement



- ✓ Build and maintain a volunteer base of Township residents
- ✓ Coordinate with local businesses, schools, and civic groups
- ✓ Promote activities through Township communication channels
- ✓ Recognize outstanding volunteer contributions

Year One Goals (2026-2027)

1

Blight Baseline

Complete comprehensive inventory within 90 days

2

Clean-Up Program

Formalize processes; hold 2 events in 2026

3

Volunteer Network

Recruit and onboard at least 25 volunteers

4

Gateway Plantings

Plant at least 3 high-visibility locations

5

Infrastructure Audit

Township-wide assessment & recommendations

6

Tree Assessment

Identify priorities for trimming and new plantings

Two Ways to Serve

8 seats available, filled through two pathways

Community Application

At Least 4 Seats

Open to any Township resident who is passionate about beautification and willing to contribute. No special credentials required.

Selected through an open application and interview process.

Board-Appointed

Up to 4 Seats

For residents with professional expertise in code enforcement, landscaping/horticulture, urban planning, or nonprofit/volunteer management.

Nominated by Committee Lead or identified through application.

Community Application Seats

At Least 4 Seats • Open to All Township Residents

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current Superior Township resident
- At least 18 years of age
- Not currently holding elected office
- Able to attend monthly meetings

What We Look For:

- Genuine passion for improving the Township
- Connection to the community
- A collaborative spirit
- Realistic availability to participate

No special credentials required.

We're looking for enthusiasm, reliability, and a willingness to roll up your sleeves and get to work.

Board-Appointed Seats

Up to 4 Seats • Professional Expertise Required

Code Enforcement / Legal

Municipal code, blight ordinances, enforcement procedures

Landscaping / Horticulture

Native plants, tree health, sustainable landscaping

Urban Planning

Land use, public space design, placemaking

Nonprofit / Volunteer Mgmt

Volunteer programs, community organizing, grant writing

If you have professional experience in one of these areas and want to put it to work for our community, we encourage you to apply.



Time Commitment & Expectations



Attend monthly Committee meetings (date/time to be set by Committee Lead)



Contribute in a meaningful way to advancing the Committee's goals



Participate actively in Committee-led projects, initiatives, and events



Communicate proactively with the Committee Lead about scheduling conflicts



Represent the Committee and Township in a professional and respectful manner

Initial term of service: 2 years • All meetings comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act



How to Apply

Round 1 Deadline: April 16, 2026

Submit your completed application:



By Email:

Trustee Sarah Devereaux,
sdevereaux@superior-twp.org



By Mail or In Person:

Trustee Sarah Devereaux
c/o Charter Township of Superior
3040 N Prospect Rd
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Applications accepted on a rolling basis until all seats are filled. Round 2 will open immediately if seats remain after Round 1.

Questions?

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