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Perry Square Improvements Underway

ERIE, PA (May 7, 2009) - With help from local experts and a fantastic volunteer crew, Spring Fever has taken hold over Perry Square in downtown Erie.

Following a City planned redesign of the whole park, and recruited by the Perry Square Alliance, led by Mrs. Gloria Knox, Mr. Marc Anselmie and a crew of workers have been hard at work preparing the 'gateway' corners of Perry Square and setting in new plants. Anselmie is the owner of Estate Garden Designs and Landscape Designer for Stairways Behavioral Health. Anselmie formerly designed public garden projects as Director of Community Gardens in Newport, RI and as Landscape Artist for the Allegheny Center, north of Pittsburgh. Jeff Kidder Kidder Wachter Architects conceived the design template for the four corners and with help from Lee Steadman, McKean, PA artist and the Director of Arts and Humanities for Stairways, Perry Square will soon be filled with plants flowering seasonally, a shade garden, scent and butterfly gardens and ornamental trees:

- Northwest and Northeast corners – scented, butterfly gardens with continuous blooms, spring – fall. Shrubs and ornamental trees.
- Southwest corner – Shrubs and ornamental tree similar to above, but annuals planted in Gannon school colors
- Southeast corner – woodland garden entrance with mature ginkgo and shade-loving ferns, hostas and trillium

Stairways Behavioral Health adopted the Northeast corner, and has also picked up the tab for the design work and planting provided by Steadman and Anselmie. Gannon University and The Kiwanis Club of Erie have adopted corners as well. There is one remaining corner available for adoption. For information on The Perry Square Alliance or on adopting the remaining corner, contact them at 313 West 6th Street Erie PA 16507 or PerrySquareAlliance@live.com.

Work will continue throughout the week, and all are invited to stop by and watch the transformation!

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