

1. New project? No

2. Beginning date: 2019 Completion date: ongoing

3. Summary and objectives of the project.

The Dagsboro Town Hall at 33134 Main Street in Dagsboro, DE, is centrally located in an historic district of the town at the intersection of the two main roads, Main Street and Clayton Street. Before 1940, the building had been a bank, and before that it had served other purposes. After the bank closed around 1940, the US Post Office took over, and later the Town Hall. It retains its historic character, with original stained-glass windows and a bank vault inside now used for storage.

Coastal Gardeners have committed to enhancing the appearance of the Town Hall by maintaining a landscaped area in front of this historic building since 2019. The club's objective is to add to the site's curb appeal and to foster appreciation of gardening and native plants. Residents and also visitors who pass this location can enjoy the plants and flower pots, as well as seasonal decorations. This location is on the way to the local beaches and also to the Delaware Botanic Gardens nearby.

4. Details regarding the involvement of club members and/or other organizations.

Coastal Gardeners maintains a committee to care for the plants in pots and in the small front garden of the building throughout the year. Committee members perform garden cleanup in Spring and Fall, adding new plants in ground or in the pots, adding mulch to the garden area, ensuring that the plants are watered as needed, and deadheading and pruning plants. Seasonal decorations are also regularly added to complement the plantings.

5. Project expenses and means of funding.

Coastal Gardeners funds this project. This year the cost to the club was \$79.12 for flowers and seeds purchased on April 30.

6. State continuing involvement of the club, including any follow-up or maintenance.

The club plans to continue its commitment to maintaining an attractive garden feature to add to the charm and beauty of the historic Dagsboro Town Hall. This commitment will involve funding additional plants and/or pots, mulch and garden soil, as well as the seasonal decorations. The committee members will continue to tend the garden by watering, deadheading, pruning, weeding, planting, garden cleanup, and decorating the area.



Dagsboro Town Hall



Spring cleanup and planting



Flourishing garden in midsummer



(Above) The town hall garden with Autumn additions in late September, 2024

