

## 2017 Common Ground Budget Request

Decisions on what to include in the budget request due in September 30, 2016 were as follows:

### OPERATIONAL

Flower Beds and Pots, need to be increased for replacement plantings for a few years due to the removal of rose bushes. In the past, the board placed New Plantings into the operational budget to protect it from the changing dynamics of the board; Common Ground committee is asking for an additional \$3500.00.

Trash cans/benches are suggested for the pond areas as walking trails are installed during the coming years. Common Ground is asking for \$1500.00 for a bench, trash can, pad and tree.

Aerators, 2003-100, Common Ground recommends replacing one aerator in 2017.

Driplines for Flower Pots at Regatta Islands – The flowers planted each year by the Garden Club don't get enough water to survive our hot summer days. When the water is turned up for the plants, the grass is over watered. We are suggesting additional driplines be added to the plants.

### PROJECTS

Regatta Islands were installed in 1985. Spruce and Bradford Pear trees in a small setting have a life span of approximately 30 years. Common Ground committee is requesting our staff horticulturist design the Regatta Island project. In addition, consideration is asked for light kits for the aerators at the Duck Pond for the beautification of our entrances.

Priority	Operational	Cost
1	Flower Beds	\$3,500.00
2	Aerator (one)	\$4555.00
6	Bench, trash can, pad and tree	\$1,500.00

Priority	Project	Cost
3	Regatta Islands renewal project drawings	Raintree staff
5	Light Kits	\$6000.00 or 10,400.00(LED)
4	Additional Driplines - Regatta flower Pots	\$