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A pair of "St. Louis Planters" were installed June 8 outside the east entrance of Kirkwood City Hall.

Kirkwood is the first community outside of downtown St. Louis to purchase and display these unique landscape planters on public property.

The placement of the pair of St. Louis Planters at Kirkwood City Hall is an America in Bloom signature project intended to commemorate Kirkwood's 2007 entry in the America in Bloom national competition.

Inspired by St. Louis' early French heritage, the fleur-de-lis forms provide the primary decorative feature for creating a landscape planter unique for the St. Louis gateway region.

The idea of creating this special landscape planter was conceived in 2004 by Bill Ruppert, a Gateway Greening board member. The design effort in 2005 was led by Ted Spaid of SWT Design, a professional landscape architecture firm. The ultimate crafting of the planters was by Cassilly and Cassilly studios with the support of the Gateway Foundation. Gateway Greening continues to support and manage the St. Louis Planter as an Urban Roots project.

The creation of the St. Louis Planter is intended to enhance and complement metropolitan St. Louis public landscapes.



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