Project Process

1. **Selection:** The Depave team conducts a site visit to survey the property and determine the feasibility of the project. In addition, Depave communicates with the site host to determine the strength & potential of their team.

2. **Planning:** Depave works with the site host to develop a post-depave vision for the space and to build a project team that will help to implement the vision and build the garden.

3. **Funding:** Depave seeks funding for the depaving portion of the project by writing grants. As well, the site host and their team are also seeking funding by reaching out to stakeholders or writing grants to fund the garden.

4. **Permitting:** Depave works to finalize the site plan and then apply for the site development permit. The permitting process can take anywhere from one day to six weeks.

5. **Outreach:** Depave and the project team start promotion of the depaving and garden building events in order to build excitement in the community and find volunteers to help.

6. **Site Preparation:** At least a week before the asphalt removal, depavers prepare the site for the work party by cutting the asphalt into manageable pieces about 3’ x 3’ so that volunteers can easily remove the material by hand.

7. **Depaving Volunteer Event:** Depave and the project team work together to host a grand event celebrating the rebirth of the space. Volunteers spend a Saturday prying up asphalt, hauling it to dumpsters, and having a blast.

8. **Soil Rehabilitation:** After the work party, a contractor will remove any really thick asphalt as well as the underlying gravel. New healthy soil is delivered and tilled in with the lifeless soil.

9. **Post-Depave – Landscaping:** Now the real fun can begin – with the implementation of the vision. The project team creates garden beds, rain gardens, fences, and other landscape features in preparation for the plants.

10. **Maintenance:** After the space is green and growing, Depave and the site host maintain a partnership by working together to ensure the garden is getting the care it needs. Depave will monitor the site’s progress and growth over several years.

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