

CITY OF RAMSEY LAND USE APPLICATION
TECHNICAL REVIEW FILE

DATE	JUNE 16, 2017	PROJECT ADDRESS	6951 168 TH AVE NW
PROJECT. TITLE	COLE ADDITION		
ESCROW #	115739		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development: Planning Division (Landscape Plan & Environmental Resources)		
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The proposed subdivision involves an existing residential lot that is approximately 2.34 acres in size. While there is some existing tree cover, it is not a naturalized area. The Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) categorizes this property as Urban with Vegetative Cover. The submittal does include a Tree Preservation Plan and a Landscape Plan, both prepared by Landform and dated May 22, 2017, revised June 1, 2017.

On site, there is a mixture of ash, maple and boxelder (boxelder being the predominant species) Per the Tree Preservation Plan, the subdivision will result in the removal of sixty-three percent (63%) of the significant tree DBH inches, which exceeds the allowable removal threshold of sixty percent (60%). However, with the proposed landscaping of two (2) trees per lot, with the new trees each being 2.5 inches in size, this does satisfy the reforestation requirements.

We offer the following comments regarding the Tree Preservation Plan Landscape Plan:

General Comments

- Note that each lot, including boulevards, shall be improved with four (4) inches of topsoil meeting the City's topsoil specification across all areas not covered with impervious surfacing. Copies of the load tickets shall be provided to the City and a topsoil inspection shall be completed prior to installation of any landscaping.

Sheet C2.1:

- Proposed cul-de-sac must be designed in compliance with the minimum design standards outlined in [City Code Section 117-614](#).
- Sidewalk needs to be constructed from Kamacite Street to the cul-de-sac bulb and must be shown on the plan set. Note that the City is open to considering credit for the segment outside the boundary of the Plat.

Sheet C3.1:

- Tree save fencing must be shown on this plan sheet.

- Emergency Over Flow (EOF) from Lot 3, Block 2 appears to traverse an area on the neighboring property that is not encumbered with drainage and utility easement. Stormwater runoff cannot be directed to area without drainage and utility easement.
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Sheet L1.1:

- Emergency Over Flow (EOF) from Lot 3, Block 2 appears to traverse an area on the neighboring property that is not encumbered with drainage and utility easement. Stormwater runoff cannot be directed to area without drainage and utility easement.
- Tree numbers 24 and 53 appear to possibly be located on the adjacent property. Verify that any proposed removals are within the boundary of the Plat or provide written authorization from the adjacent property owner to remove those trees.
- The tree numbers are missing from many of the trees proposed to be removed around the cul-de-sac and Lots 2-3, Block 2. Revise the plan sheet to ensure that all tree tags are shown.
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Sheet L2.1:

- Plan shows five (5) Acer x freemanii 'Sienna' being planted but the Landscape Schedule only notes four (4). Update the table to correct this discrepancy.
- The Landscape Schedule indicates that all proposed landscaping will have a caliper of 2.5 inches. While that exceeds the minimum size requirements for plantings in residential districts, it is necessary since the base landscaping is being utilized to comply with the reforestation requirements. The Development Agreement will reference the approved plans, which will mean that all trees shown on this plan shall have a caliper of not less than 2.5 inches.
- Add a Tree Planting Detail to this plan sheet or include the City's planting detail, PARK-2.