

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Environmental Policy Board (EPB)
Monday, February 12, 2024
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Citizen Input**

3. **Approve Agenda**

4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve Meeting Minutes Dated November 20, 2023

5. **Policy Board Business**
 1. Consider Natural Resources Elements of the Harmony Farms Preliminary Plat (Project No. 23-111); Case of U.S. Home LLC dba Lennar
 2. Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale and Distribution Event

6. **Board/Staff Input**

7. **Adjournment**

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)

Meeting Date: 02/12/2024

Primary Strategic Plan Initiative: Not Applicable

Information

Title:

Approve Meeting Minutes Dated November 20, 2023

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to approve the November 20, 2023 Environmental Policy Board meeting minutes.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the meeting minutes dated November 20, 2023.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated November 20, 2023.

Attachments

Meeting Minutes Dated November 20, 2023

Form Review

Inbox

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Chris Anderson

Final Approval Date: 02/08/2024

Reviewed By

Dana Verbeek

Date

02/08/2024 12:16 PM

Started On: 02/05/2024 09:12 AM

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY BOARD
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

On Monday, November 20, 2023, the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) met in the Council Chambers at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Laura Moore
 Board Member Reid Bernard
 Board Member Melissa Fetterley
 Board Member Thomas Hagerty
 Board Member Mike Heifner
 Board Member Hassan Salami
 Board Member Jessica Vikander

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Senior Planner Chris Anderson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Board Member Bernard and seconded by Board Member Vikander to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Members Bernard, Vikander, Fetterley, Hagerty, Heifner, and Salami. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Meeting Minutes Dated August 21, 2023

Motion by Board Member Fetterley and seconded by Board Member Vikander to approve the regular meeting minutes dated August 21, 2023.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Members Fetterley, Vikander, Bernard, Hagerty, Heifner, and Salami. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5. POLICY BOARD BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Natural Resource Aspects of Proposed Site Plan and Plat for Storyteller Café (Project No. 23-118); Case of Stories Foundation

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that the City has received an application from Stories Foundation for Site Plan and Final Plat consideration for a proposed three-story building located in the southeast corner of Yolite Street and Sunwood Drive. The project was originally reviewed and approved in 2021 (with contingencies, including plan revisions). However, those approvals have since expired.

Board Member Salami asked how tall the rail guard would be on the rooftop level, as customers would be drinking on that level.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that there are specific building regulations that would need to be followed and that would be addressed during the building permit review.

Board Member Heifner commented that he is a fan of maples but noted an invasive bug concern for maples.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that at this time he did not believe the planting of maples should be restricted. He agreed that diversity is important for any plan.

Motion by Board Member Fetterley and seconded by Board Member Salami to recommend approval of the Landscape Plan, contingent upon compliance with staff's review comments.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Members Fetterley, Salami, Bernard, Hagerty, Heifner, and Vikander. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5.02: Update on Water Efficiency Grant Program

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that in 2022, the City of Ramsey was awarded \$19,800 in grant funding, through the Metropolitan Council, to implement a rebate program for certain water-efficient devices. The program went into effect July 1, 2022, and runs through June 30, 2024 (or until grant funds are exhausted if that is sooner). Eligible replacement devices include WaterSense certified irrigation controllers and toilets, as well as Energy Star certified dishwashers and washing machines. All City of Ramsey water customers that are current on their utility account are eligible to apply for a rebate of up to \$200, per eligible device, with a maximum cap of \$500 per address (rebate cannot exceed the cost of the device). As of November 14, 2023, approximately \$13,000 in rebates have been issued. This opportunity has been promoted through the City's website, social media, *Ramsey Resident*, *Ramsey Recycler*, and on the City's dynamic display sign along Highway 10 and seems to be appreciated by residents. Staff will continue to promote this opportunity throughout the remainder of the grant cycle to ideally fully exhaust the grant funds.

Chairperson Moore asked the percentage of residents in Ramsey on City water versus private wells.

Senior Planner Anderson commented that for a long time they were about 50/50 but believed that has tipped to about 60/40 with more people on City water.

Chairperson Moore commented that she would like to see something to encourage residents on private wells to conserve water as well. She stated that perhaps it could be as easy as sharing educational information.

Board Member Hagerty asked and received confirmation that Energy Star and WaterSense are not brand names but types of equipment. He asked if there is information on the website that would list eligible appliances.

Senior Planner Anderson replied that on the City website there is a link for the program with additional links that provide those specific lists of eligible appliances, toilets, and WaterSense irrigation controllers.

Board Member Fetterley asked if the appliance would need to be an upgrade or simply an Energy Star appliance.

Senior Planner Anderson confirmed that it would be any Energy Star appliance or device and it would not matter if you were replacing an existing Energy Star device or appliance.

5.03: Consider the Environmental Policy Board Meeting Calendar for 2024

Senior Planner Anderson presented the staff report. He stated that annually the EPB reviews its meeting schedule and identifies alternate meeting dates when there is a conflict. He presented the 2024 meeting schedule, identifying conflicts in January and February as well as presenting alternate dates for the group to consider.

Motion by Board Member Hagerty and seconded by Board Member Bernard to approve the 2024 meeting calendar with the January meeting to be held on January 22nd and the February meeting to be held on February 12th.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Moore, Board Member Hagerty, Bernard, Fetterley, Heifner, Salami, and Vikander. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

6. BOARD / STAFF INPUT

Senior Planner Anderson stated that Anoka County reached out with a desire for Ramsey to host another Fix-It Clinic, on October 5, 2024. He noted the success of the previously hosted event in Ramsey and stated that the event would be held at the public works building. He also welcomed assistance from the Board on drafting articles for the newsletter. He confirmed that the City will be collecting holiday lights for recycling, beginning December 1st. He stated that there will also be dumpsters for cardboard recycling at the public works facility from mid-December through mid-January.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Board Member Salami and seconded by Board Member Bernard to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Anderson
Senior Planner

ATTEST:

JoAnn Shaw
Community Development Secretary

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)**Meeting Date:** 02/12/2024**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Promote economic growth and development.**Information****Title:**

Consider Natural Resources Elements of the Harmony Farms Preliminary Plat (Project No. 23-111); Case of U.S. Home LLC dba Lennar

Purpose/Background:

The City has received an application from Lennar (the "Applicant") for Preliminary Plat review of a proposed single family residential development north of 167th Ave and east of Nowthen Boulevard on Outlots B & C, Harmony Farms (the "Subject Property").

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:**Project Overview**

The Applicant is proposing a single family residential development of fifty-seven (57) lots to be served by municipal sanitary sewer and water. The Subject Property is zoned R-1A, which requires a minimum lot width of eighty (80) feet and a minimum lot area of 10,000 square feet. There will be two points of access to the development, including a full access at Coquina Street and 167th Avenue and a right-in right-out access on Nowthen Boulevard, satisfying both the City and Anoka County. The Subject Property also abuts the Brookside Elementary School property and the Applicant has included a trail to connect this neighborhood with the school parcel.

Natural Resources Inventory and Minnesota Land Cover Classification System

The City's Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) does not indicate any native plant communities within the Subject Property. Per the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS), the Subject Property consists of 'Planted or Cultivated Vegetation' and a very small portion of 'Dry Grassland'. There are no floodplains present and only a very small portion of the Subject Property is considered wetland. There are no proposed impacts to the wetland area.

Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan

The only existing trees on the Subject Property are along the northern boundary and adjacent to the wetland in the southern portion of the site. The proposed tree removal exceeds the removal threshold (allowed to remove up to sixty percent [60%] of the significant tree DBH inches; this project is proposing to remove seventy-six percent [76%] of existing significant tree DBH inches). This requires reforestation of at least 331 inches of newly planted trees. The Landscape Plan includes 500 inches of new trees, which does satisfy the reforestation requirement.

Landscape Plan

The Landscape Plan provides a minimum of two (2) trees per lot, with the lots abutting Nowthen Boulevard and some of the lots abutting the elementary school parcel having additional plantings in the rear yards. Additionally, there are extra trees proposed in the rear yards that back up to the proposed stormwater basins. There is a healthy mix of deciduous and evergreen trees with no genus constituting more than twenty percent (20%) of the overall plantings. All species and sizes are acceptable. The Planting Schedule indicates that some trees will be three (3) inches in size at the time of planting. The total proposed inches being planted should be updated, as it was based on all trees being 2.5 inches (meaning the reforestation is actually higher than the proposed 500 inches). Staff has also recommended that fencing, in addition to the proposed plantings, be installed now on the lots backing up to Nowthen Boulevard to assist with screening and possible noise reduction.

Funding Source:

The Applicant is responsible for all costs associated with this request.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving both the Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan and the Landscape Plan, contingent upon compliance with Staff's review comments.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to recommend approval of the Landscape Plan and the Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan, contingent upon compliance with Staff's review comments.

Attachments

- Site Location Map
- Preliminary Plat
- Preliminary Site Plan
- Landscape Plan with Changemarks
- Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan

Form Review

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Brian Hagen	Dana Verbeek	02/08/2024 12:15 PM
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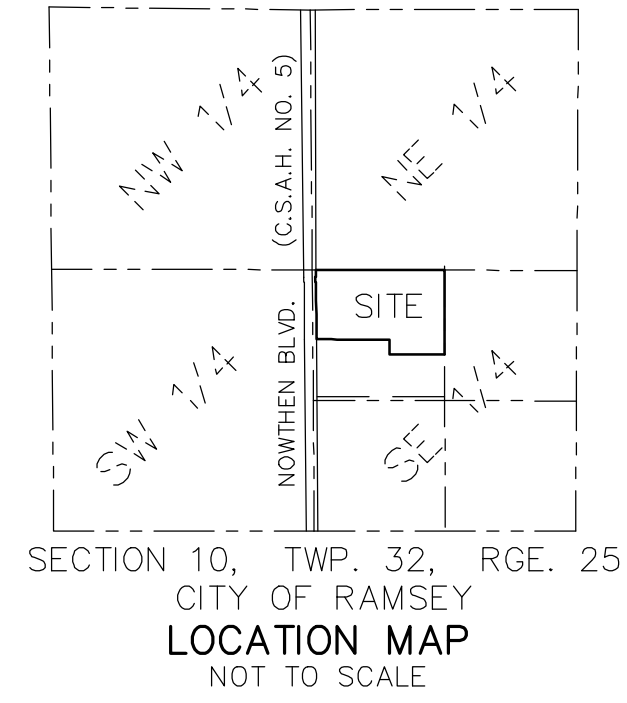
ANOKA HENNEPIN 2ND ADDITION

BROOK FIELD FIRST ADDITION

NOWTHAN ESTATES

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NOWTHAN BLVD N.W.

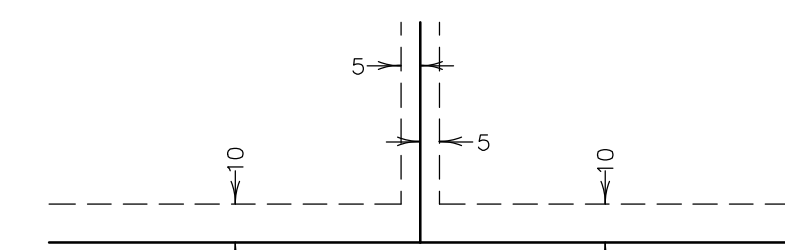
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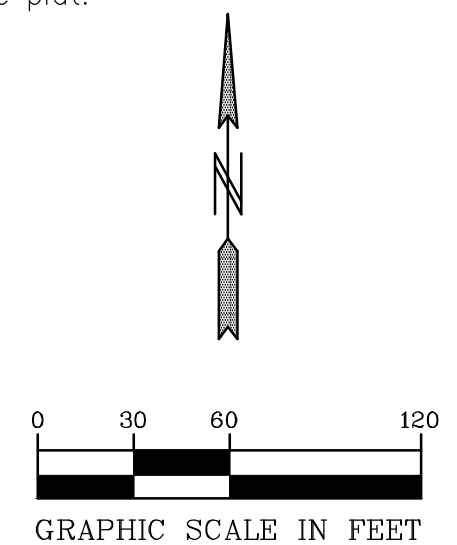
LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR PRELIMINARY PURPOSES ONLY
Outlots B and C, HARMONY FARMS, Anoka County Minnesota.

TOTAL GROSS AREA	22.7768 ACRES
TOTAL LOT AREA	18.3445 ACRES
NUMBER OF LOTS	57
NUMBER OF OUTLOTS	0
TOTAL OUTLOT AREA	0 ACRES
TOTAL RIGHT OF WAY AREA	4.4323 ACRES
GROSS DENSITY (EXCLUDES OUTLOTS)	2.50 LOTS/ACRE
NET DENSITY (EXCLUDES OUTLOTS & R/W)	3.11 LOTS/ACRE

DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ARE SHOWN THUS:



being 5 feet in width, and adjoining lot lines unless otherwise indicated, and 10 feet in width and adjoining street lines and rear lot lines unless otherwise indicated on the plat.



BENCH MARK
TOP NUT OF HYDRANT AT NE QUAD OF INTERSECTION OF NOWTHEN BLVD. N.W. AND 167TH AVE. N.W.
EL=890.48
TOP NUT OF HYDRANT DIRECTLY NORTH OF INTERSECTION OF 167TH AVE. N.W. AND COQUINA ST. N.W.
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Name: Peter J. Hawkinson
Reg. No.: 42299
Date: 7-10-2023

Revisions

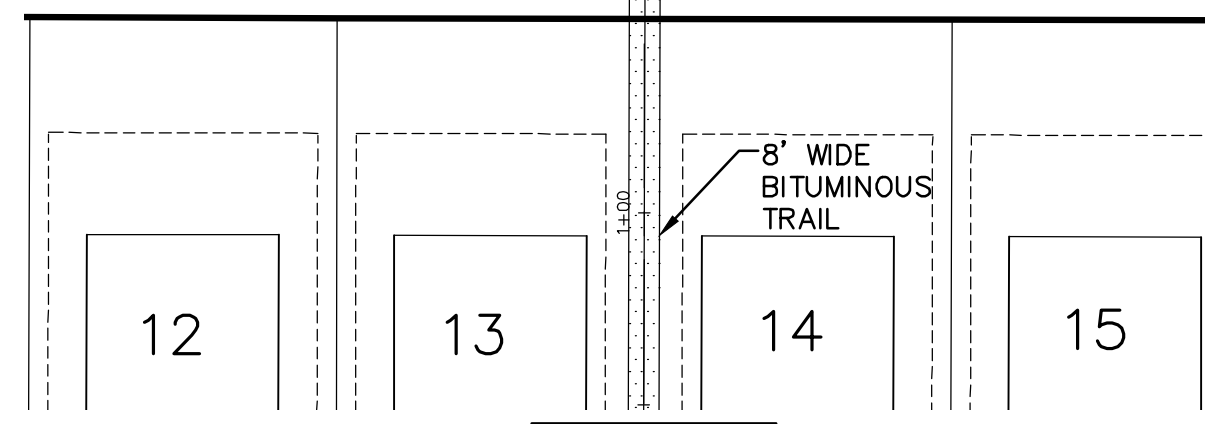
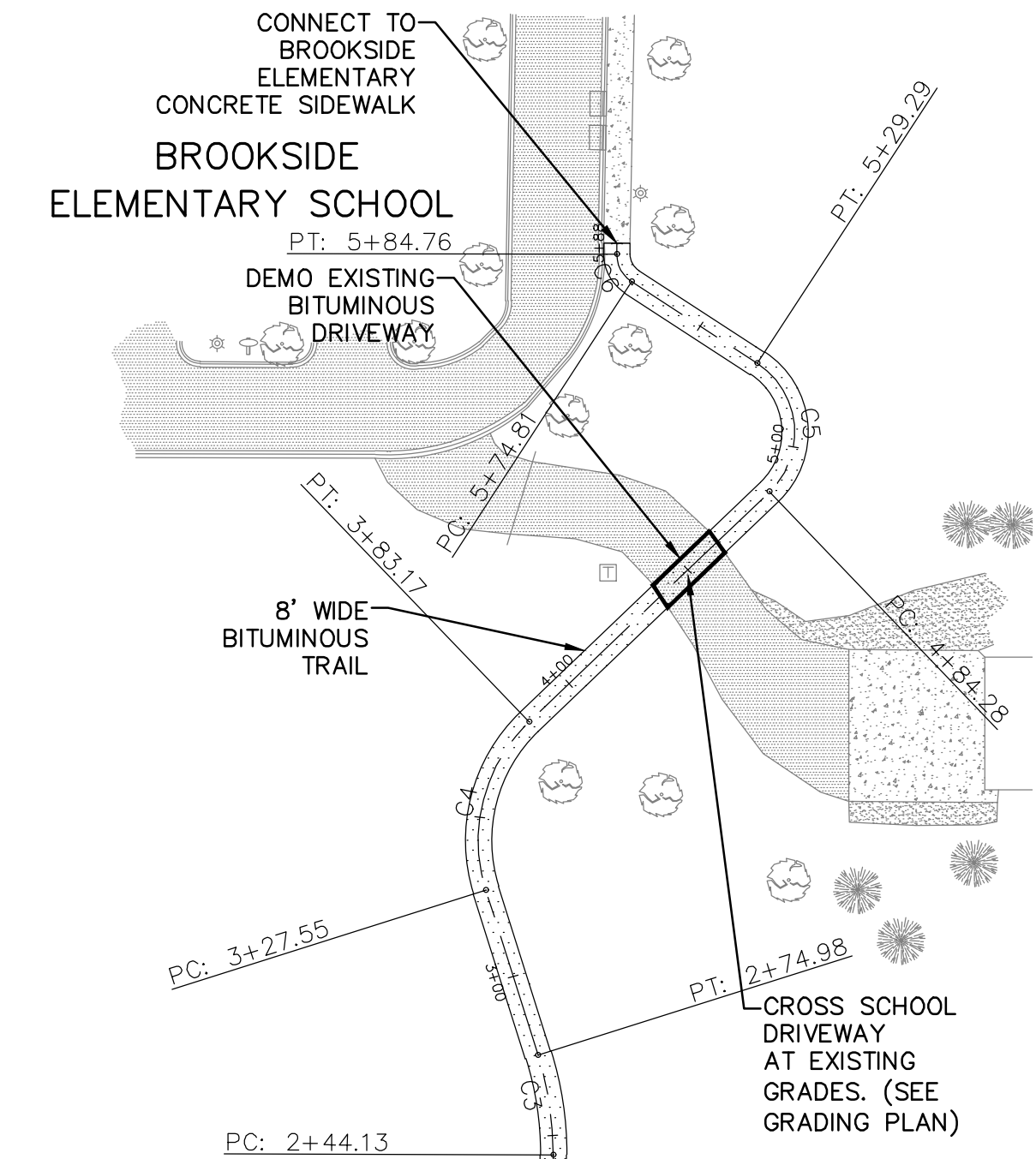
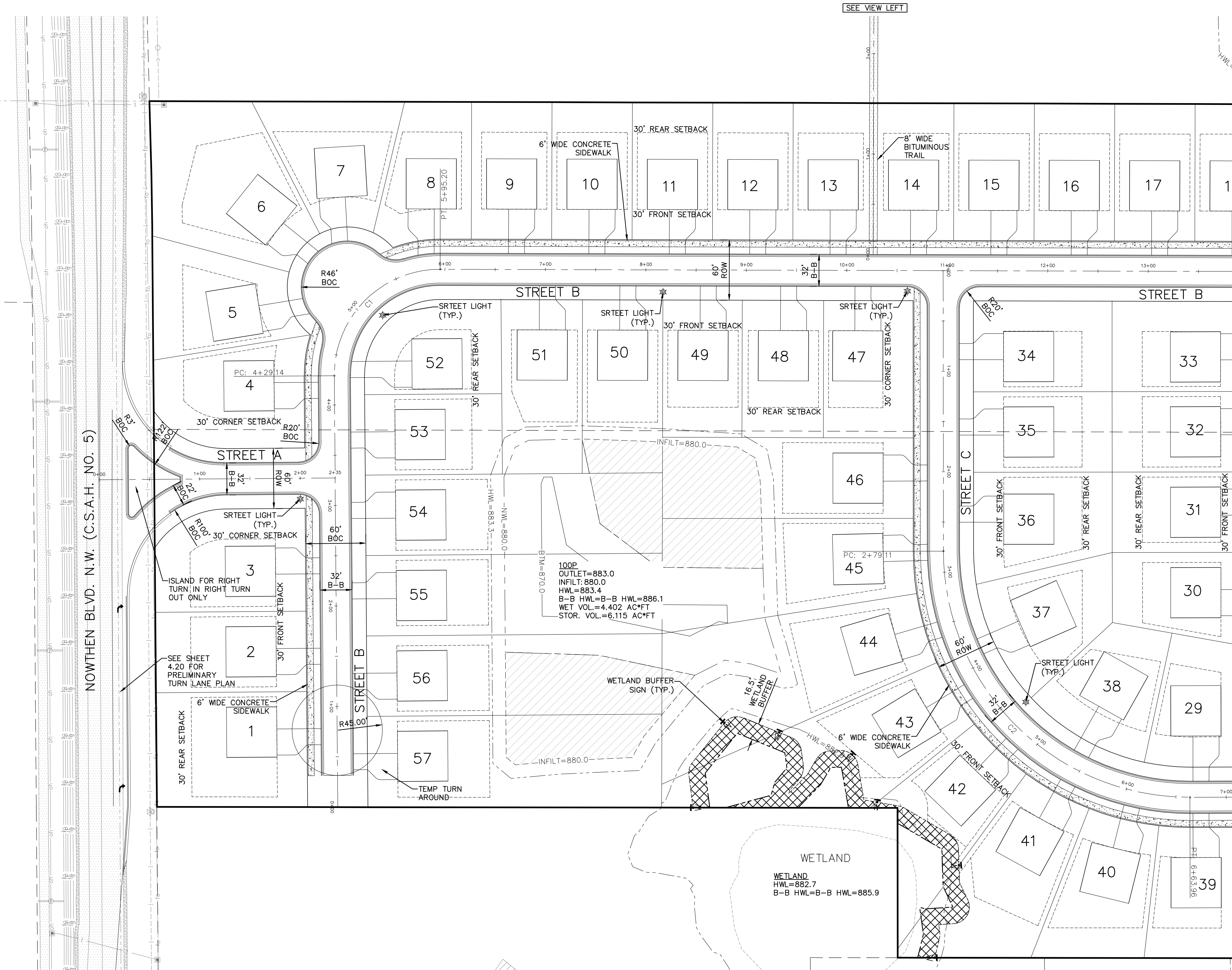
Date: 12-08-2023
Designed: NAP
Drawn: PDS

PRELIMINARY PLAT

LENNAR
16305 36TH AVE. NO., SUITE 600
PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA 55446

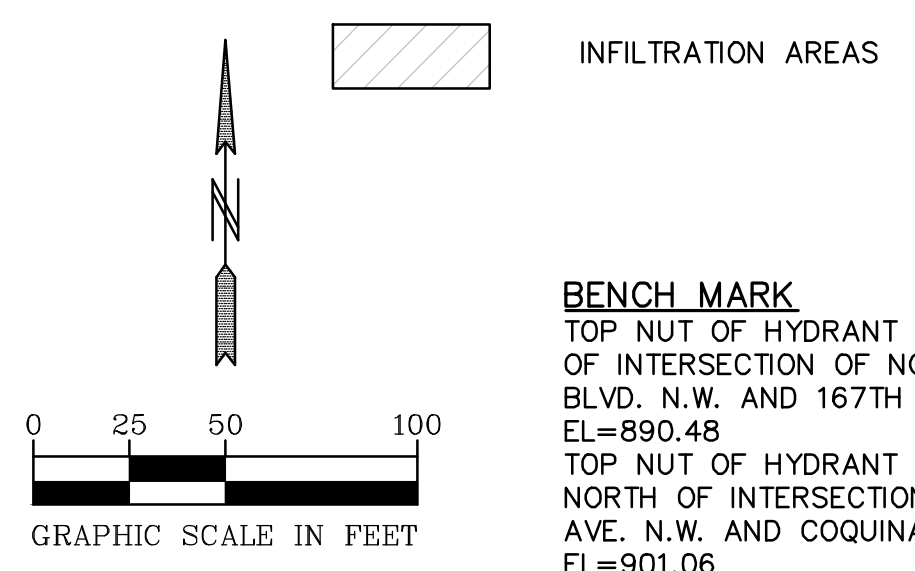
HARMONY FARMS
RAMSEY, MINNESOTA

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R1-80 MINIMUM STANDARDS:
 MINIMUM DENSITY 2.5 UNITS/CRE
 WIDTH AT SETBACK: 80'
 WIDTH AT ROW: 45'
 AREA: 10,890 SF
 MINIMUM DEPTH 110' (130' ON PERIMETER)
 FRONT SETBACK: 30'
 SIDE SETBACK: 5'
 CORNER SIDE SETBACK: 30'
 REAR SETBACK: 30'
 SETBACK FROM ARTERIAL ROADWAY: 60'
 SETBACK FROM WETLAND: 16.5'

CURVE TABLE						
CURVE	DELTA	LENGTH	RADIUS	TANGENT	PC	PT
C1	90°36'45"	166.06	105.00	106.13	4+29.14	5+95.20
C2	90°00'00"	384.85	245.00	245.00	2+79.11	6+63.96
C3	17°40'31"	30.85	100.00	15.55	2+44.13	2+74.98
C4	63°44'22"	55.62	50.00	31.09	3+27.55	3+83.17
C5	103°09'54"	45.01	25.00	31.52	4+84.28	5+29.29
C6	57°00'23"	9.95	10.00	5.43	5+74.81	5+84.76



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Name: Brian N. Molinaro
 Brian N. Molinaro
 Reg. No. 47504 Date: _____

Revisions: _____

Date: _____
 Designed: _____
 Drawn: _____

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

LENNAR
 16305 36TH AVE. NO. SUITE 600
 PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA 55446

HARMONY FARMS
 RAMSEY, MINNESOTA

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PLANTING SCHEDULE			
KEY	COMMON NAME/SCIENTIFIC NAME	ROOT	QUANTITY
OVERSTORY TREES			
	SENTRY LINDEN/TILIA AMERICANA 'SENTRY'	3" B&B	18
	NORTHERN PIN OAK/QUERCUS ELLIPSOIDALIS	3" B&B	20
	THORNLESS HONEYLOCUST/GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS VAR INERMIS	3" B&B	20
	RIVER BIRCH/BETULA NIGRA 'HERITAGE' (CLUMP)	12-14' B&B	13
	NORTHWOOD MAPLE/ACER RUBRUM 'NORTHWOOD'	3" B&B	21
	HACKBERRY/CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS	2.5" B&B	21
	AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE/ACER X FREEMANII 'JEFFERSRED'	2.5" B&B	25
	SWAMP WHITE OAK/Quercus bicolor	2.5" B&B	13
EVERGREEN TREES			
	WHITE PINE/PINUS STROBUS	6' B&B	11
	NORWAY SPRUCE/PICEA ABIES	6' B&B	13
	BLACK HILLS SPRUCE/PICEA GLUACA VAR DENSATA	6' B&B	25

CITY LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS:

TWO TREES PER LOT PLANTED IN BOULEVARD OR FRONT YARD.
57 LOTS X 2 TREES = 114 TREES

MITIGATION REQUIRED: 331" (SEE TREE PRESERVATION PLAN)

PROPOSED TREES: 200
 OVERSTORY TREES (2.5"): 151
 CONIFEROUS TREES (6'): 49
 PROPOSED INCHES: 500"

NOTES:

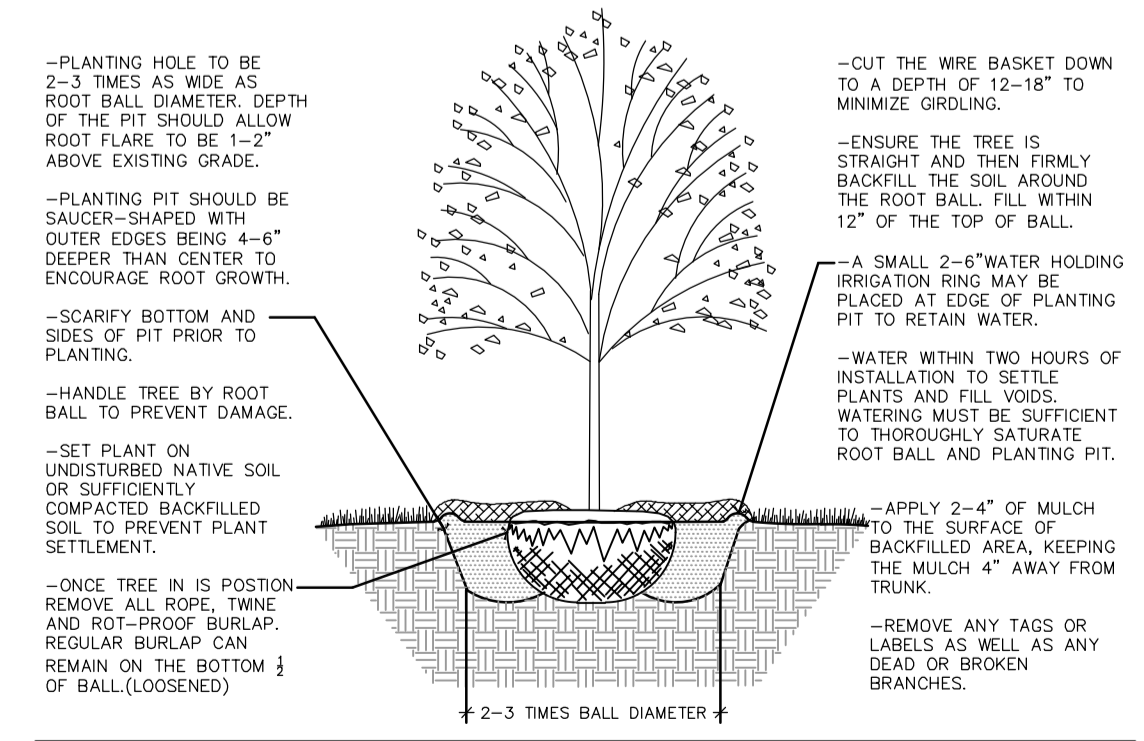
- TREE LOCATIONS MAY BE FIELD ADJUSTED TO ACCOMMODATE FINAL HOME DESIGNS AND DRIVEWAY LOCATIONS.
- ANY IRRIGATION MUST INCLUDE A RAIN SENSOR AND USE WATER EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS A SMART CONTROLLER OR MOISTURE SENSORS.
- ANY DEVIATION FROM THE PLANTING SCHEDULE (INCLUDING SPECIES AND SIZE) REQUIRES CITY APPROVAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- 4 INCHES OF TOP SOIL WITH NOT MORE THAN 35% SAND SHALL BE APPLIED TO ALL DISTURBED AREAS OF THE PROJECT THAT ARE NOT OTHERWISE IMPROVED WITH IMPERVIOUS SURFACING.



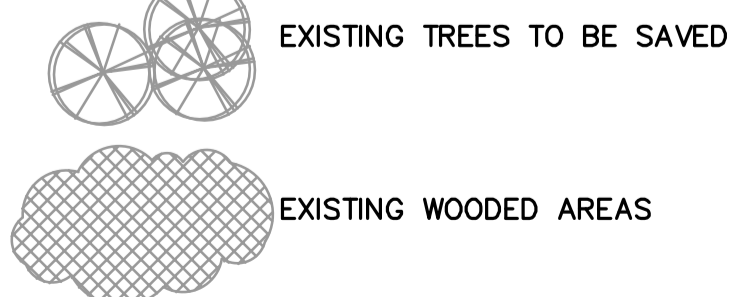
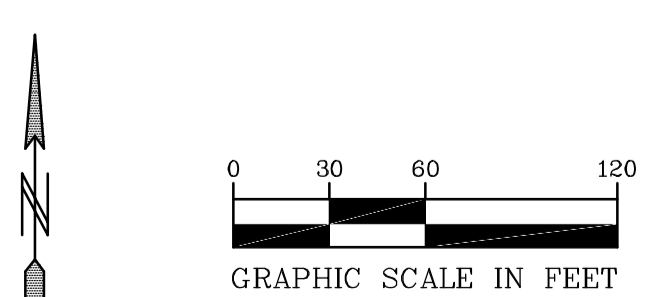
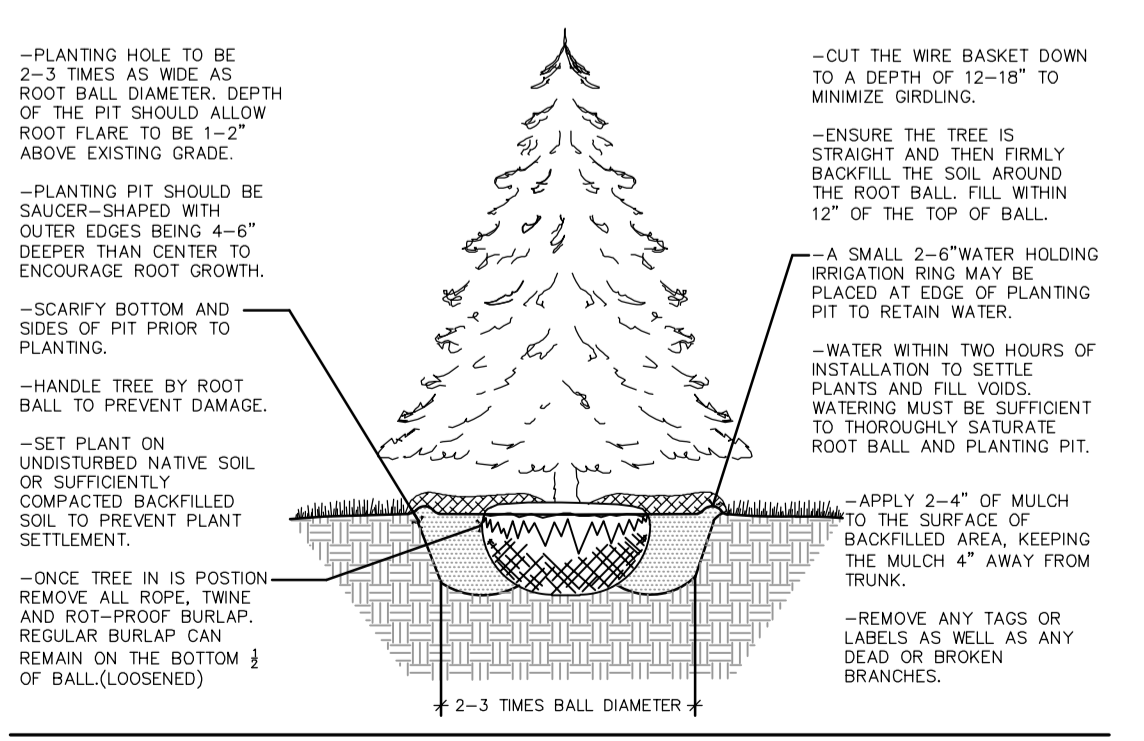
LANDSCAPE NOTES

- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL VISIT THE PROJECT SITE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE EXISTING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID.
- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF PROPOSED PHYSICAL START DATE AT LEAST 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE.
- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIELD VERIFICATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITY LOCATIONS ON THE PROJECT SITE WITH GOPHER STATE ONE CALL 1-800-252-1166 PRIOR TO COMMENCING WORK. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION AND REPAIR OF EXISTING UTILITIES DAMAGED DURING CONSTRUCTION AT NO COST TO THE OWNER. NOTIFY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF ANY CONFLICTS TO FACILITATE PLANT RELOCATION.
- GRADING TO BE PERFORMED BY OTHERS.
- NO PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE INSTALLED UNTIL GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.
- ALL PLANT MATERIAL SHALL MEET THE STANDARDS FOUND IN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN-AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK.
- ALL CONTAINER MATERIAL TO BE GROWN IN THE CONTAINER A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) MONTHS PRIOR TO PLANTING ON SITE.
- DECIDUOUS AND CONIFEROUS TREES SHALL NOT BE STAKED, BUT THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR MUST GUARANTEE STABILITY TO A WIND SPEED OF 60 M.P.H.
- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A MINIMUM GUARANTEE OF ONE YEAR ONE TIME REPLACEMENT ON NEW PLANT MATERIALS. GUARANTEE SHALL BE AGREED UPON BY DEVELOPER/BUILDER AND LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR.
- THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY PLANTS WHICH ARE DEEMED UNSATISFACTORY BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER INSTALLATION.
- IF THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF PLANTS SHOWN ON THE PLAN AND THE NUMBER SHOWN ON THE PLANT LIST, THE NUMBER SHOWN ON THE PLAN WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.
- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MULCHES AND PLANTING SOIL QUANTITIES TO COMPLETE WORK SHOWN ON THE PLAN. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL QUANTITIES SHOWN ON THE PLANT SCHEDULE.
- COMMERCIAL GRADE POLY LAWN EDGING SHALL BE INSTALLED WHERE NOTED.
- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPAIR ALL DAMAGE TO THE SITE CAUSED BY THE PLANTING OPERATION AT NO COST TO THE OWNER.
- THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL KEEP PAVEMENTS CLEAN UNSTAINED. ALL PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE ACCESS TO BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION PERIOD. ALL WASTES SHALL BE PROMPTLY REMOVED FROM THE SITE. ANY DAMAGE TO EXISTING FACILITIES SHALL BE REPAIRED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE CODES, REGULATIONS AND PERMITS GOVERNING THE WORK.
- STORAGE OF MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES ON-SITE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

DECIDUOUS TREE PLANTING DETAIL



CONIFEROUS TREE PLANTING DETAIL



1 - Changemark note #01TL

Status as of 12/19/2023 10:38 AM

Type: Action

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Homeowners are eventually going to build fences for screening or containing kids and dogs. It is recommended to just build a fence now so that it looks nice and intentional. Trees alone are only so good for screening.

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2 - Caliper

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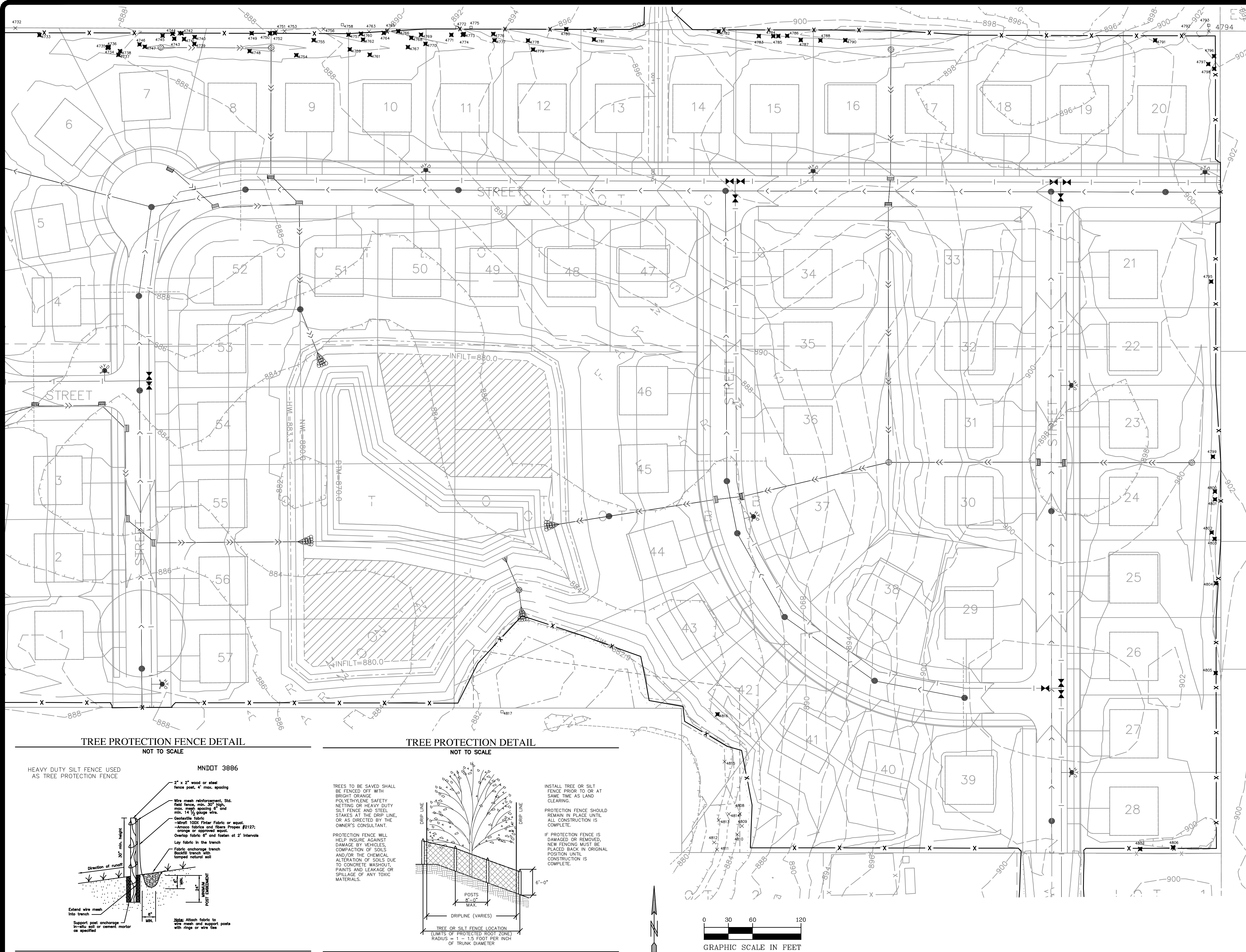
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The Planting Schedule indicates some species at 3" and others at 2.5". The calculation shows all trees at 2.5". Please either update the Planting Schedule with correct size or update the calculation with correct # of proposed inches.

----- 0 Replies -----



Tag No.	DBH	Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes	Status
4732	28	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Save
4733	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4734	9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4735	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4736	10.9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4737	10.9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4738	9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4739	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4740	16	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4741	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4742	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4743	13	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4744	18	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4745	11	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4746	9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4747	9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4748	8	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Remove
4749	16.14	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4750	18.17	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4751	9	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Save
4752	15	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4753	22	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	hollow at base	Save
4754	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4755	10	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>		Remove
4756	18	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Save
4757	12	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Remove
4758	24	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Off-Site
4759	8	Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>		Remove
4760	28	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Remove
4761	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4762	8	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>		Remove
4763	20	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Save
4764	21	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Remove
4765	21	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Save
4766	8	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>		Remove
4767	12	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Remove
4768	8	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Remove
4769	8	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Remove
4770	8	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>		Remove
4771	21	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Remove
4772	8	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Off-Site
4773	29	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		Remove
4774	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4775	7	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Off-Site
4776	22.22, 21.20	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Remove
4777	10	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Remove
4778	8	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4779	8.7	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4780	8	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Remove
4781	17.17, 17.15, 12	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4782	10.9	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Remove
4783	29.19	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4784	17.8	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4785	14	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4786	16.15, 14.12	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4787	18.16	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4788	20.19, 15	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4790	24.19, 17	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4791	9	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Remove
4792	8	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>		Save
4793	23	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Off-Site
4794	9	Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>		Save
4795	15.14, 13.11, 10.10	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Remove
4796	9.6	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Remove
4797	5	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Remove
4798	14	Northern Pin Oak	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>		Remove
4799	9	Siberian Elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Exempt-Invasive	Remove
4800	18	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	40% dead	Remove
4801	22	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Remove
4802	11.9	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Remove
4803	15	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Remove
4804	20.18	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Remove
4805	18.16	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Remove
4806	12	Siberian Elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Exempt-Invasive	Remove
4807	14.13, 8.8	Siberian Elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Exempt-Invasive	Remove
4808	13.11, 10.8, 8	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Save
4809	14.12, 9.8	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Save
4810	15.13, 13	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Save
4811	9.7	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Save
4812	8	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Save
4813	8	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Save
4814	15.14, 13.10, 9.9	Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>		Save
4815	14	Weeping Willow	<i>Salix babingtonia</i>		Save
4816	8.6	Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>		Remove
4817	16.16	Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		Off-Site

TREE PRESERVATION NOTES:
 TOTAL SIGNIFICANT INCHES: 1624
 INCHES REMOVED: 1239 (76%)
 INCHES SAVED: 385 (24%)

ALLOWED REMOVAL: 974 (60%)
 REMOVAL OVER THRESHOLD: 265"
 MITIGATION REQUIRED: 265 X 1.25 = 331"

EXEMPT (INVASIVE) AND OFF-SITE TREES EXCLUDED FROM ALL CALCULATIONS
 TREE PRESERVATION PLAN PROVIDED BY MIDWEST NATURAL RESOURCES
 KEN ARNDT, FORESTER

TREE PRESERVATION NOTES
 BEFORE LAND CLEARING BEGINS, CONTRACTOR SHOULD MEET WITH THE CONSULTANT ON SITE TO REVIEW ALL WORK PROCEDURES, ACCESS ROUTES, STORAGE AREAS, AND TREE PROTECTION MEASURES.
 NO FILL SHOULD BE PLACED AGAINST THE TRUNK, ON THE ROOT CROWN, OR WITHIN THE DRIP LINE AREA OF ANY TREES THAT ARE TO BE SAVED.
 NO GRADING, TRENCHING OR PLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT IS ALLOWED IN THE TREE PROTECTION AREA.
 WORK PERFORMED WITHIN THE TREE PROTECTION AREA SHOULD BE DONE BY HAND AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTING ARBORIST.
 PRUNING OF OAK TREES MUST NOT TAKE PLACE FROM APRIL 15 TO JULY 15 TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF OAK WILT DISEASE.
 IF WOUNDING OF OAK TREES OCCUR ANYTIME BETWEEN APRIL TO AUGUST, A NON-TOXIC WOUND DRESSING MUST BE APPLIED IMMEDIATELY. (EXCAVATORS MUST HAVE A NON-TOXIC TREE WOUND DRESSING WITH THEM ON DEVELOPMENT SITES).

Environmental Policy Board (EPB)**Meeting Date:** 02/12/2024**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:**

Information**Title:**

Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale and Distribution Event

Purpose/Background:

The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) reached out to City Staff about the possibility of the city serving as a distribution site again in 2024 for RAM's Rain Barrel and Compost Bin sales. The city's only obligations would be to provide a site and volunteers to assist with the distribution of purchased items, along with promoting the sales event to Ramsey residents. RAM handles all sales (this is a pre-order only program, there are no day-of-pickup sales) and all questions regarding the rain barrels and compost bins. The City of Ramsey served as a distribution site for RAM's 2022 Rain Barrel and Compost Bin sales and again in 2023 for the remaining compost bins that did not sell in 2022. There was minimal staff time required to participate as a distribution site previously and Staff anticipates a similar time commitment again this year. The sales event would be promoted through the City's newsletter, website, the dynamic display sign on Highway 10, and through RAM's website.

Staff would like to hold the distribution event earlier than in past years and has selected Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as the date for distribution. The distribution event would run from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Public Works Campus, assuming that this will not disrupt Public Works daily operations. This timeframe has worked well with previous distribution events. It provides sufficient time for purchasers to swing through to pick up their item(s), while also not consuming Staff's and volunteers' entire evening.

Funding Source:

Soft costs would include Staff time during the distribution event and putting together the promotional information. Staff recommends offering a \$10 discount on the compost bins (for Ramsey residents only), which could be covered via the recycling budget (funds provided by the Select Committee On Recycling and the Environment [SCORE]).

Recommendation:

Staff recommends serving as a distribution site for this sale and to identify May 1, 2024, as the date of the distribution event.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to partner with RAM on their Rain Barrel and Compost Bin sales by serving as a distribution site and to hold the event on May 1, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Attachments

Rain Barrel Informational Sheet
Compost Bin Informational Sheet

Form Review

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Brian Hagen

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Date
02/08/2024 12:15 PM

Form Started By: Chris Anderson
Final Approval Date: 02/08/2024

Started On: 02/05/2024 09:15 AM



Rain Catcher Rain Barrel

\$90 + tax



- The large opening and flat back design allow for easy installation and placement of the downspout while the spoke and wheel pattern in the top of the barrel keeps it child and pet safe.
- The overflow connection at the back of the barrel allows excess water to flow down and underneath the barrel to direct it away from foundations.
- Spigots on the side of the barrel allow you to connect multiple Rain Catcher barrels in-series for easy expansion of your rain water storage capacity.
- The aluminum mesh screen keeps out debris and mosquitoes to keep the water clear and keep your family safe from insect borne illnesses.
- Includes debris screen, garden hose, shut-off thumb valve, hanging hose clip, overflow hose, and linking kit
- Place them around your home to catch fresh chlorine-free water as it pours from your downspouts – Water that would otherwise make its way into storm sewers only to be wasted. Rain barrels not only save you money but lessen the strain on water resources.
- Made out of 100% recycled plastic
- Retails at \$120+



Specifications:

Assembled Dimensions: 24"D x 24"W x 32"H

Total Volume: 6 cu ft / 45 Gallon / 170 Litre

One (1) Year Warranty on Manufacturer Defects. Warranty excludes cracking from improper use.



Home Composter Compost Bin

\$76 + tax



- Made of sturdy, yet lightweight, 100% recycled plastic materials
- Two-piece construction for sides allows for easy transporting and turning of materials
- Wide opening at the top – easy to add and view materials
- Lockable lid to deter animals
- Sliding doors on each side to monitor status of compost
- Not available in stores. Similar models retail for \$100+



Specifications:

Assembled Dimensions: 33"D x 30"H
Total Volume: 17 cu ft / 125 gallon

The Home Composter Bin is warranted by Gracious Living Corp. for 10 years from the date of purchase for any defects due to manufacturing or delivery excluding any damage due to normal wear and use.