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Subject: Landscape Review for 65 Munjoy project

Hi Nel -

I have reviewed the landscape plan and offer the following suggestions / conditions: (The Rain Garden should have plant labels to the plant graphic so we can find them when we do the final inspection)

- a) Adams School Playground Plants We like the upright, 'Regal Prince' Oak, lets tweak the arrangement and line them up near the property line to reduce hiding spots and have the grasses grouped on the park side or near the corners. Grass type we would like to use 'The Blues', Little Bluestem grass vs the taller Switchgrass proposed.
- b) Along Munjoy Street would recommend adding in at least a few 'woody' plants for four season interest. Concern that this time of year just the granite blocks would be the only visible landscape feature. Also lets define 'Assorted Perennials' It should be in keeping with the Native Sod theme and looks like it is from the perspective drawing. Note that establishing the native sod can be a challenge, extra water is needed for the first two years.
- c) Rain Garden As mentioned above, plant names should show where plants are located. Caution on the use of 'Red Twig' knowing their expanding size, might be worth looking at 'Kelsey Dwarf' or other low growing types to better fit this space.
- d) Wilson Street side Landscape Treatment, This narrow space does not appear to have a landscape treatment type shown. Is this going to be the only turf area on the property or other? The existing, old Adams School chain link needs to be replaced with similar height, black vinyl chain link or solid wood fencing. (The existing fence was part of this projects original use fencing and not the Wilson Street property.)

The project landscape wise is acceptable with these conditions.

Thanks,

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