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Hi Caitlin -

Nel & I were discussing this last week at the Planning Review meeting.

We would like to see the planters both the tree planters and the proposed long planters have rounded edges or (radius) corners. These are visually more appealing and seem to work better for winter snow and ice clearing. Our spec (see attached) recommends the curbing with a 'thermal finish' which unlike the polished regular street curb looks better and is more tactile for walking and less skate board friendly, if that matters.

On special projects like this it would be good to encourage the applicant to go with beefier granite on the planters than the standard 5" width. We noticed both Portsmouth and Boston have used 6" + and for the larger planter it could use used as a seat wall if appropriate. Included the pics of the rain planter from unknown city as it could serve a purpose as a functional stormwater feature and design concept idea.

Swenson granite has the good information on options.

<https://swensongranite.com/product/granite-curbing/>



Portsmouth Granite tree planter with flowers



Portland planter standard with either 1' or 2' radius corners depending on size.



Urban rain planter concept ideas



Boston Rose Kennedy parkway granite planter seatwall with anti skateboard blocks



Ocean Gateway planter using native plants - Amelanchier and blueberry
Carroll Associates design, this has performed well with minimum maintenance and

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includes native plants.

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