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Dear Chris,

We have put together what we believe will give you what you have requested:

A drawing of the plantings we would like to do, showing which properties they will be on, as well as an overlay drawing showing what will be removed. We felt this would be the best way to give a clear picture of our plans.

Please note that nothing is being pulled out on the Oak Ave property, everything to be removed is on the 4 Torrington side of the line. However the plan shows the complete landscape plan which straddles both properties. We are aware that Miscanthus Sinensis is not a native plant, but that is mostly on the Oak Ave side, with only 2 of those shown to be planted on the Torrington side. There are other native grasses which we could plant there instead, if you would like us to, they are just not as appealing. Everything else is native to Maine.

Donhovan had spoken with you about removing a tree that is not in great shape, but we have decided not to do that. In my original email I had asked about trimming the bottom few branches of the big pine tree that is in front of Torrington, which is on city property and within the 75 foot zone. Let me know if we have permission to do that or not.

We appreciate your attention to, and help with our project. We have put a lot of thought into it and our desire is to create a landscape that is far more supportive of the natural environment than what is presently growing. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Thank you, Anne Belden

cc:

Marie Prager Charles Ramsay Donhovan Black