

23 Ocean Avenue (2016-150) and 1945 Congress (2016-075)

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Hi Nel -

Thanks !

Lets do the 23 Ocean Avenue plan first...

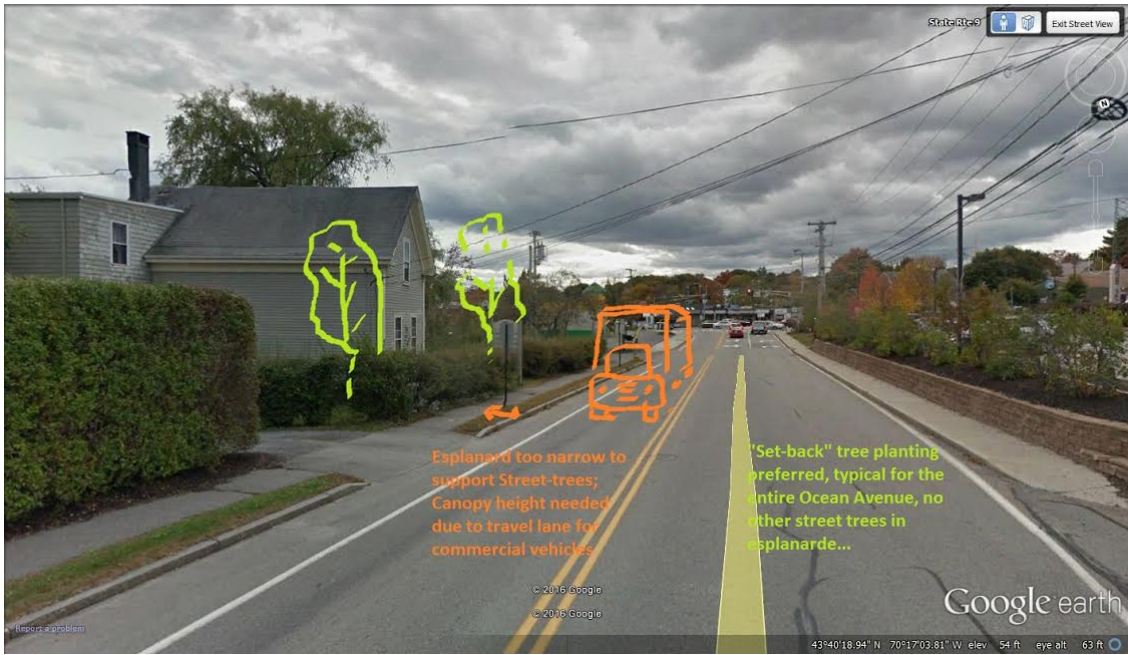
The existing esplanade width is problematic - just too narrow to support Street-trees on both sides, Ocean & Hersey Street. I checked the entire length of Ocean Avenue and no existing street trees, also this is a busy truck / commercial vehicle route and tree canopy even on an upright tree would unlikely to survive. Snow storage in winter along with deicing salts, this sidewalk route is on our priority school walk route and we plow so we need as much space as possible.

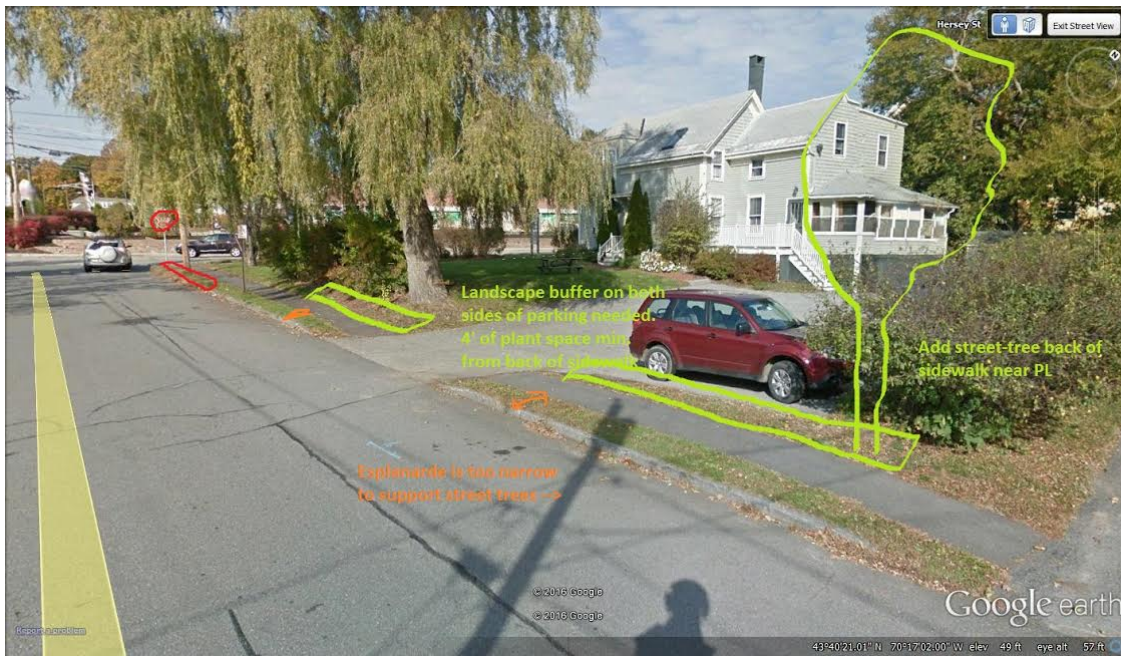
Thus we would like to see 'set-back' tree planting in available spaces. Also parking lot on Hersey Street should have a 4' buffer with plant material at back of sidewalk. A smaller 3' or 2' buffer might not make it. Ideally like to see woody shrub planting but could do ornamental grasses. Wood guardrail on the parking lot side is needed to protect this space from vehicles, snow etc. Without protection plant material would likely be damaged. This buffer on the residential side is more important then the more commerical Ocean Avenue side. Add a couple of trees on the parking lot edge to buffer parking lot from next door residential use. See photos, (I got creative with the pics !)

Thanks,

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