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Hi Nell -

The proposed project is wedged into a narrow space with important wetlands that drain into Capisic Brook watershed. Wetland protection and keeping a 'natural feel' to the site is important both from a wildlife aspect and fitting into the surrounding area. Due to the existing site conditions and characteristics I would recommend the following:

1) Tree & habitat protection measures - The woodlands near this project has been noted for important habitat area. Thus defining the tree clearing limits and work zone is important. I would ask as a condition that Note 10 be straightened to include protection measures that requires the project team vs the general contractor identify before any clearing or site work to begin to have actual work zones identified and construction fencing for tree saves, wetlands and existing vegetation save areas.

See: <http://maineaudubon.org/events/warbler-weeks-at-evergreen-cemetery-3/>

2) Native plants - The landscape plant material selected for the UNE edge should be exclusively native plants to New England. Native plants like Red or White Spruce, Amelanchier, Hop- Hornbeam, Yellow Birch and American Mountain Ash would be preferable. Evergreen trees in this area should be a mix of 5-6', 4-5' trees. (note - the UNE property is already impacted by non-native species & invasive plants)

3) Bishop Street buffering / landscape & tree planting - The project currently is wide open visually on the Bishop Street side near the Deering Lodge. Landscape buffering is recommended. This can be on the narrow strip of project land or on Deering Lodge property by agreement. Larger shade trees would be ideal. Planting trees along or within the Bishop Street right of way would be acceptable as well. This would also be a landscape condition.

These recommendations would improve the impact of the proposed project.

Thanks

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