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2010 ANNUAL REPORT
MUNICIPAL STREETSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Transportation Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated June 1, 2011, from the Commissioner of Transportation Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve \$587,000 towards the streetscape proposals from the Towns of Aurora, Georgina, and Markham and the City of Vaughan as part of the 2011 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerks of the Towns of Aurora, Georgina, and Markham and the City of Vaughan.

2. PURPOSE

This report seeks approval for funding for four applications to the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program.

3. BACKGROUND

Council adopted the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program in 2006

The Region's Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program was designed to support Council's commitment to improving the public realm by promoting and supporting streetscape enhancements across the Region. The program aims to partner with local municipalities by offering funding towards locally-initiated streetscaping projects along Regional roads. Specifically, the program encourages local municipal staff to coordinate streetscape initiatives with Regional Capital projects in order to leverage partnership funding. As a condition of receiving partnership funding, maintenance of streetscape enhancements is the responsibility of the local municipality. In October 2006, Regional Council approved the Program and its associated policy, and endorsed the allocation of up to \$1 million of the Region's commitment to this program. The program is funded through the tax levy. Unallocated funds are carried forward to the following year in the streetscape account.

As required by the policy, a cross-functional Streetscape Review Team was created in March 2007 to evaluate all municipal applications against the established Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program criteria, and make recommendations for approval to Regional Council. Applications are screened against the following mandatory criteria:

- Location (urban location providing access to transit and development)
- Scale (adjacent land use supports an upgraded streetscape)
- Consistency of Treatments (upgrades in harmony with Regional policies)
- Design Goals (proposal is an extension of existing and planned upgrades)
- Connections (connections to local streetscape upgrades)
- Supported by Regional Staff (supported by the Streetscape Review Team)

There are three levels of funding based on project location and its relation to the 10-Year Capital Plan:

50% Regional Contribution

- Urban area, Town, or Village
- Project is on current year of the 10-Year Capital Plan

33% Regional Contribution

- Urban area, Town, or Village
- Project is not on current year of the 10-Year Capital Plan

25% Regional Contribution

- Project is not in an urban area, town, or village
- Project is not on current year of the 10-Year Capital Plan

Since 2007, the Region has approved partnership funding to streetscape enhancements across eight municipalities.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Streetscape Review Team recommends that all four applications received in 2010 be approved by Regional Council

In 2010, the Region received four applications for funding from the Towns of Aurora, Georgina, Markham, and the City of Vaughan. The Streetscape Review Team recognizes the positive contribution that each of these projects will have in creating attractive, safe, comfortable, and pedestrian-friendly streets in communities across York Region.

1. Town of Aurora – Wellington Street (Bayview Avenue-Leslie Street)

Wellington Streetscape Master Plan defines Wellington Street East as a “Gateway Corridor” into the Town and the Bayview-Wellington intersection as a “Primary Gateway.” The proposed streetscape improvements include:

- Increased number of street tree plantings on both sides of Wellington Street East between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street, co-ordinated with existing services and utilities.
- Stone edge planting beds, mounded and continuous planting trenches to increase soil volume and quantity to provide optimal growing conditions for trees
- Provisional consideration for irrigation and tile drainage of planting trenches.

The proposed tree planting project will set the stage for future urban design enhancements and improve the experience for corridor users. Since the project is located in an urban area, it qualifies for 33% funding from the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program. The design for the proposed tree planting plan and details is shown in *Attachment 1*.

2. Town of Georgina – Woodbine Avenue

The Town of Georgina’s application proposes the installation of decorative light standards along Woodbine Avenue between Glenwoods Avenue and Wexford Drive. The enhanced steel light poles will have:

- Black powder coating.
- Banner brackets.
- Street light arms and fixtures resembling waves.

The decorative light standards will provide a distinct character and sense of place for Keswick. These will also be implemented in accordance with the Region’s illumination guidelines for Regional roads. The proposed light standards will be maintained by the Town. The application qualifies for 50% funding from the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program as it will be completed as part of the Region’s road widening project. Renderings of the proposed light standards/fixture is shown in *Attachment 2*.

3. Town of Markham – Warden Avenue

The Town of Markham’s application consists of a set of streetscape enhancements along Warden Avenue between 16th Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive. The improvements proposed for this project include:

- Enhanced streetscape planting in medians and boulevards.

The proposed streetscape enhancements complement the existing natural context of Warden Avenue. The application qualifies for 50% funding from the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program as it will be completed as part of the Region's road widening project. The design for the proposed streetscape enhancements is shown in *Attachment 3*.

4. City of Vaughan – Keele Street and McNaughton Road

The City of Vaughan's application consists of a well-defined hierarchy of enhancements that characterize the intersection as a gateway into the Village of Maple. The proposed streetscape design is consistent with the City of Vaughan's Village of Maple Streetscape Master Plan and includes:

- Signature circular planters and paving at the gateway intersection of Keele Street and McNaughton Road.
- Irrigation within the raised median planter on Keele Street south of McNaughton Road.
- Planting to complement streetscape/planters.
- Decorative brick paving flanking concrete sidewalk.
- Decorative paving on medians.
- Decorative pedestrian street luminaries.
- Decorative crosswalks on Keele Street and McNaughton Road, and at Masters Avenue in accordance with York Region's Zebra Crosswalk Standard.

The proposed streetscape enhancements will be maintained by the City of Vaughan and also complement the Region's street tree planting program while supporting the increased urban context at the intersection. The application qualifies for 50% funding from the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program as it will be completed as part of the Region's intersection improvement project.

Under normal circumstances, a report would have been presented to Council in October 2010, however, due to on-going pressure to improve service at this intersection in Maple, and to align streetscape construction with road construction, a report for this project was presented to Council and approved for funding on May 20, 2010. The design for the proposed streetscape enhancements is shown in *Attachment 4*.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs for the capital streetscape projects are broken down in Table 1 below

Table 1
2011 Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program
Approved Capital Streetscape Projects

Municipality	Municipal Contribution (\$)	Region Contribution (\$)	Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program Funding Tier	Project Location
Town of Aurora	298,855	170,305	33%	Wellington Street between Bayview Avenue & Leslie Street
Town of Georgina	58,764	58,764	50%	Woodbine Avenue/ Ravenshoe Road
Town of Markham	44,790	44,790	50%	Warden Avenue between 16 th Avenue & Major Mackenzie
City of Vaughan	313,000	313,000	50%	Keele Street & McNaughton Road
Total	715,409	586,859		

A total of approximately \$587,000 will be drawn from the 2011 Capital Budget Streetscape Account to fund these projects. The remaining amount for the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program is \$2.86 million. As per the Program policy, ongoing maintenance of the enhanced streetscaping is the responsibility of the local municipality.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program benefits local municipalities by encouraging the creation of attractive and vibrant streets for all users. Streetscaping encourages social interaction, supports the local economy, reflects local character, and

promotes non-auto modes of transportation, all of which contribute to a liveable neighbourhood and community. The Program provides opportunities for greater cost savings and efficiencies when local municipal projects are combined with the Region's capital projects.

7. CONCLUSION

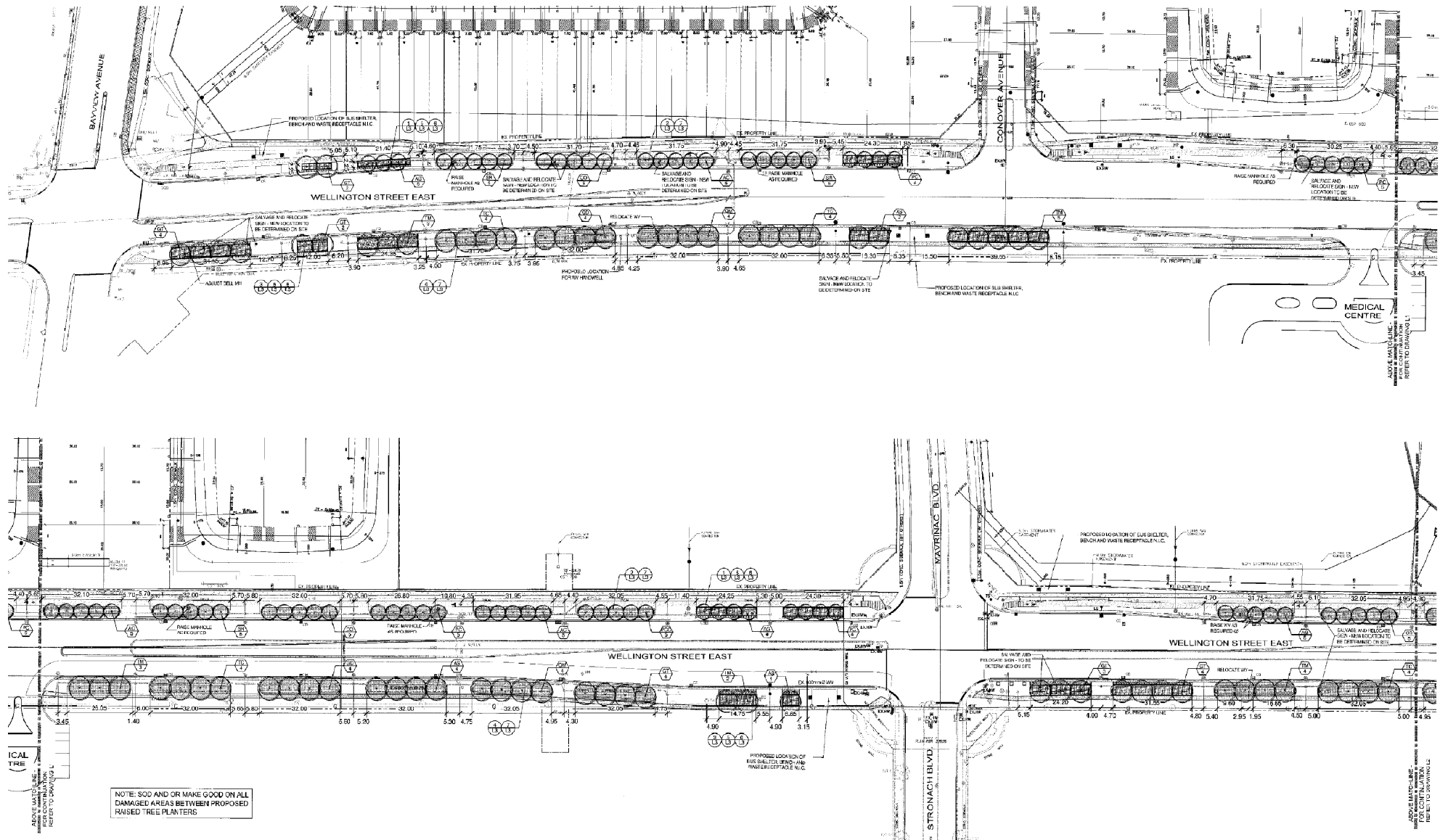
The Region continues to encourage partnerships with local municipalities through funding for locally-initiated streetscape enhancements within the Regional rights-of-way. All four applications received in 2010 meet the program's criteria and support the creation of complete streets.

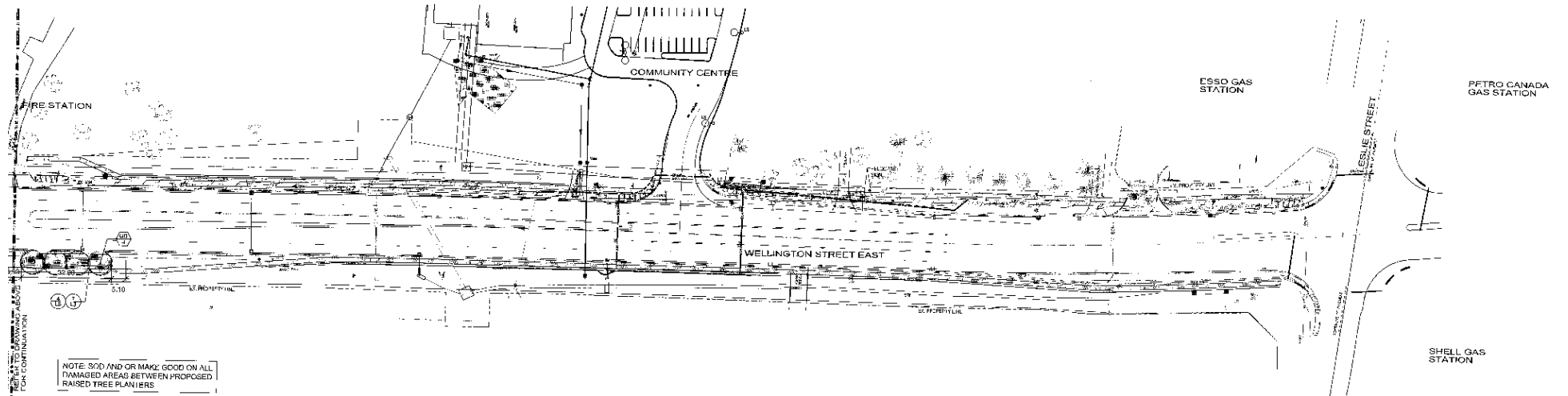
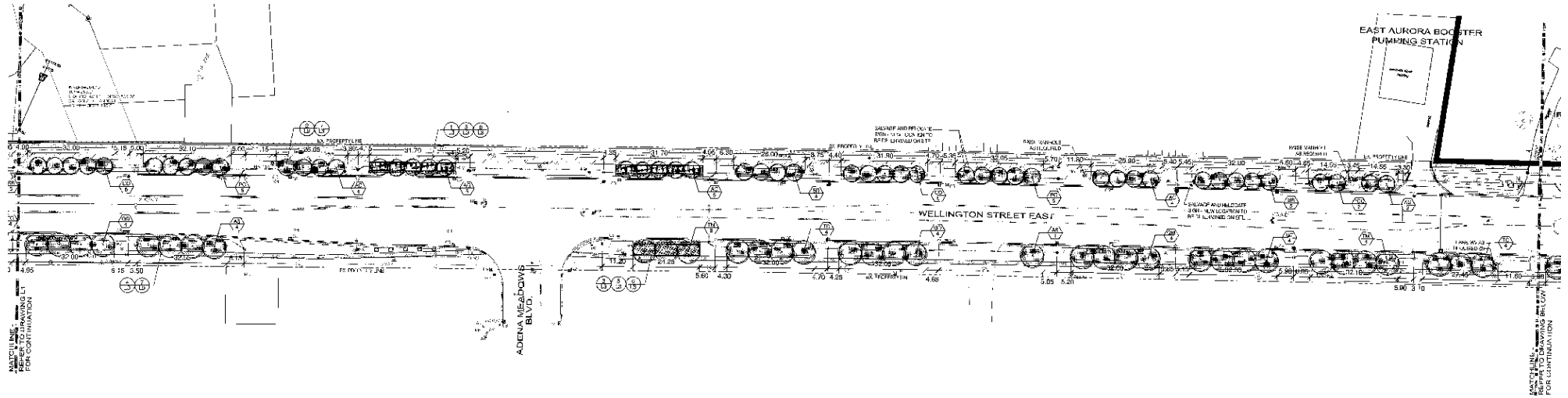
Local municipalities have expressed the need for more flexibility in the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program's policy, scope, and process. As such, staff will undertake a review of the policy and will present its findings to Council in Fall 2011.

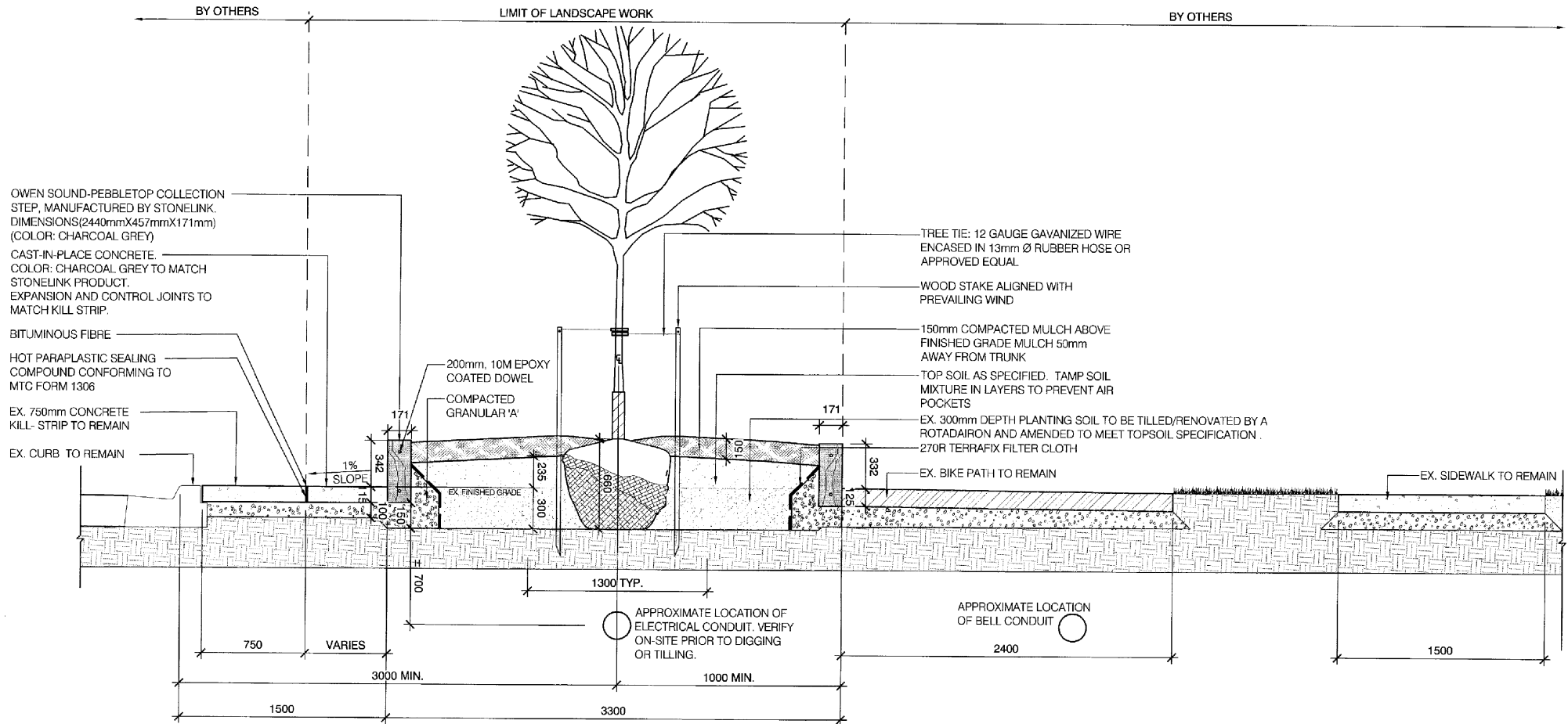
For more information on this report, please contact Carmen Hui, Program Manager, Streetscape at Ext.5272.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The four attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)

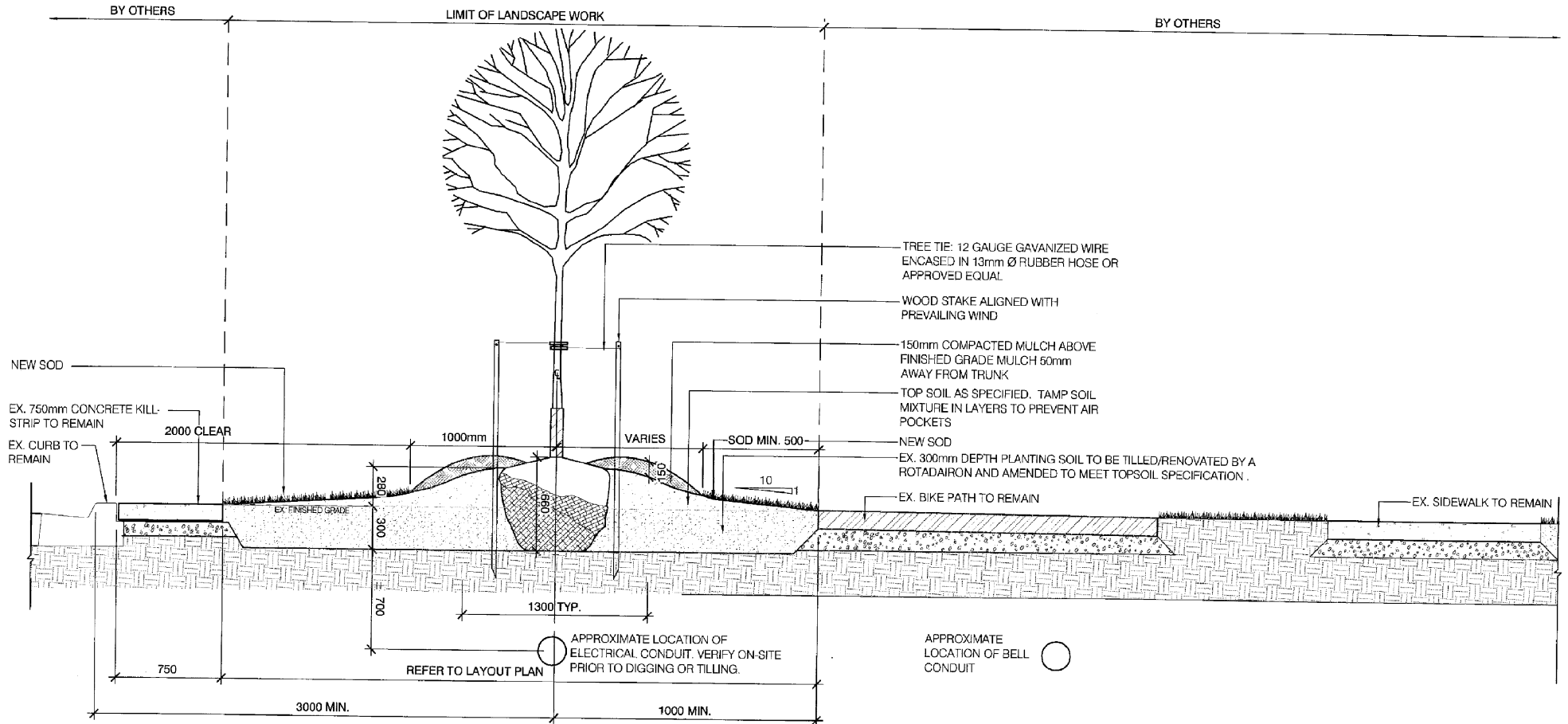






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2 MOUNDED PLANTING BEDS (NORTH)
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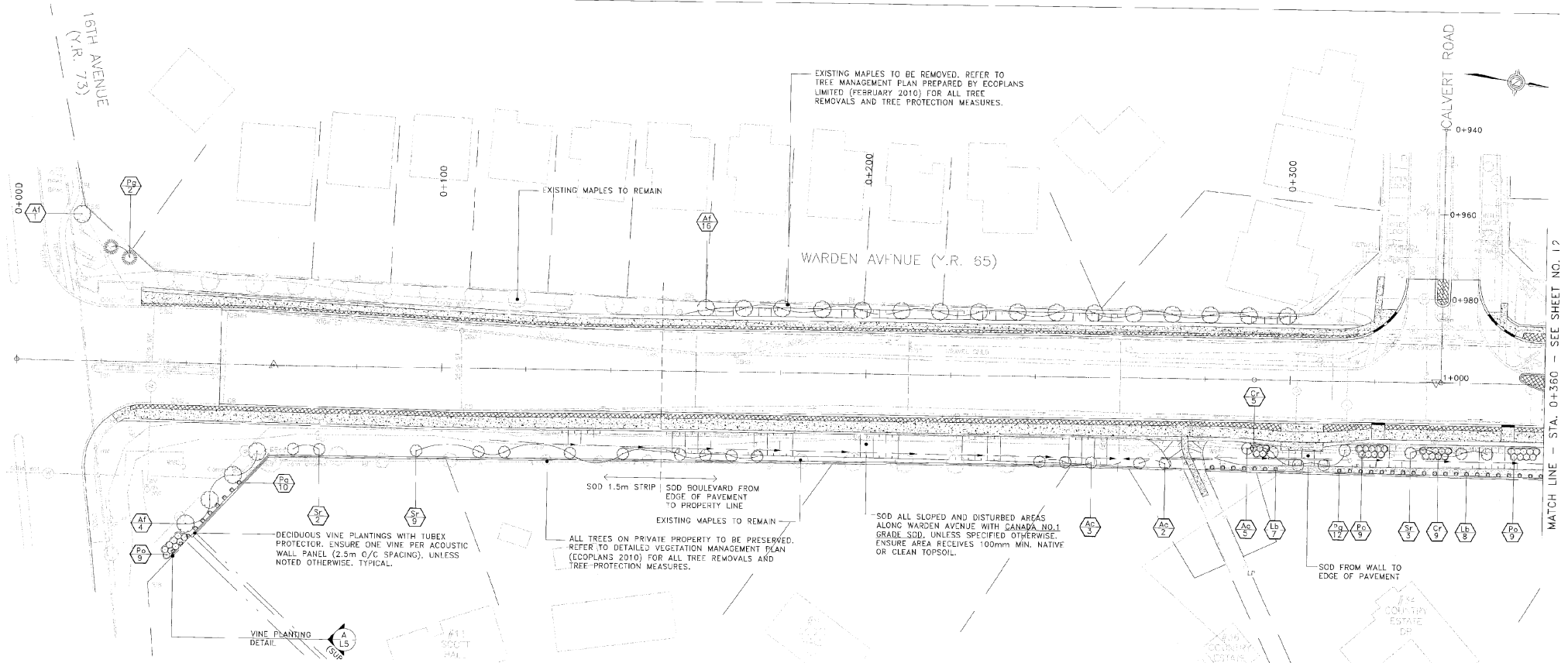


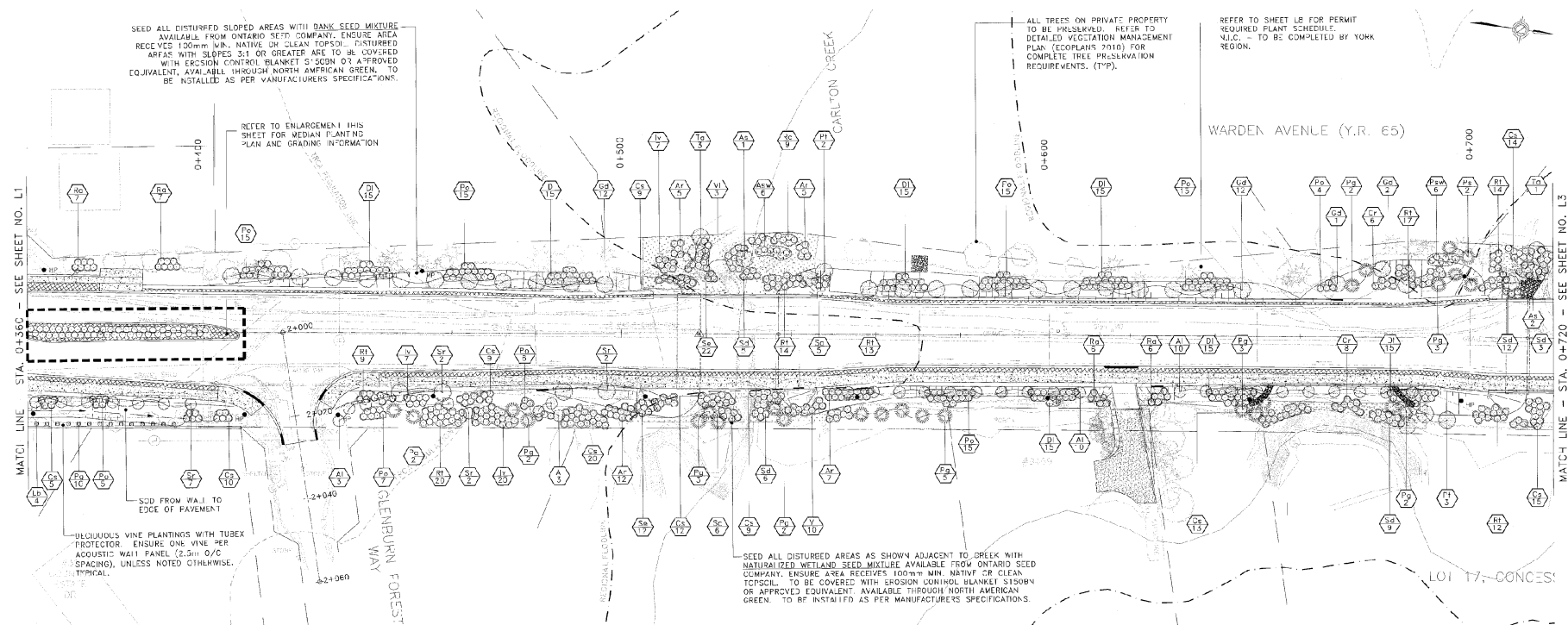
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COUNCIL ATTACHMENT 2C





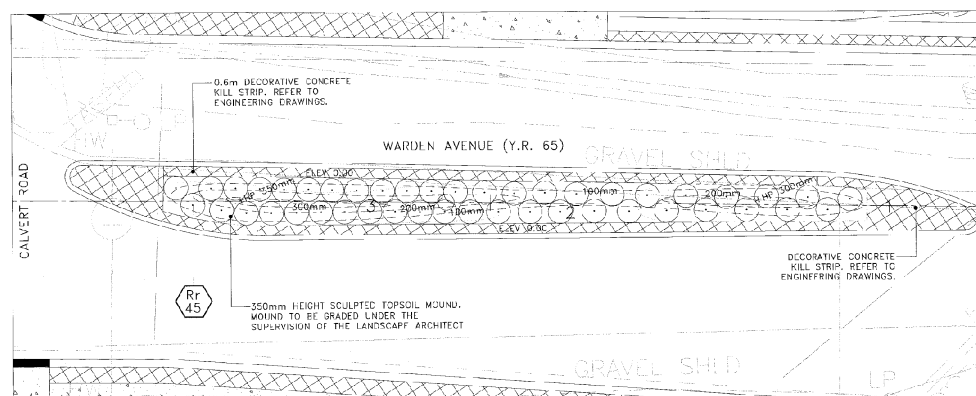


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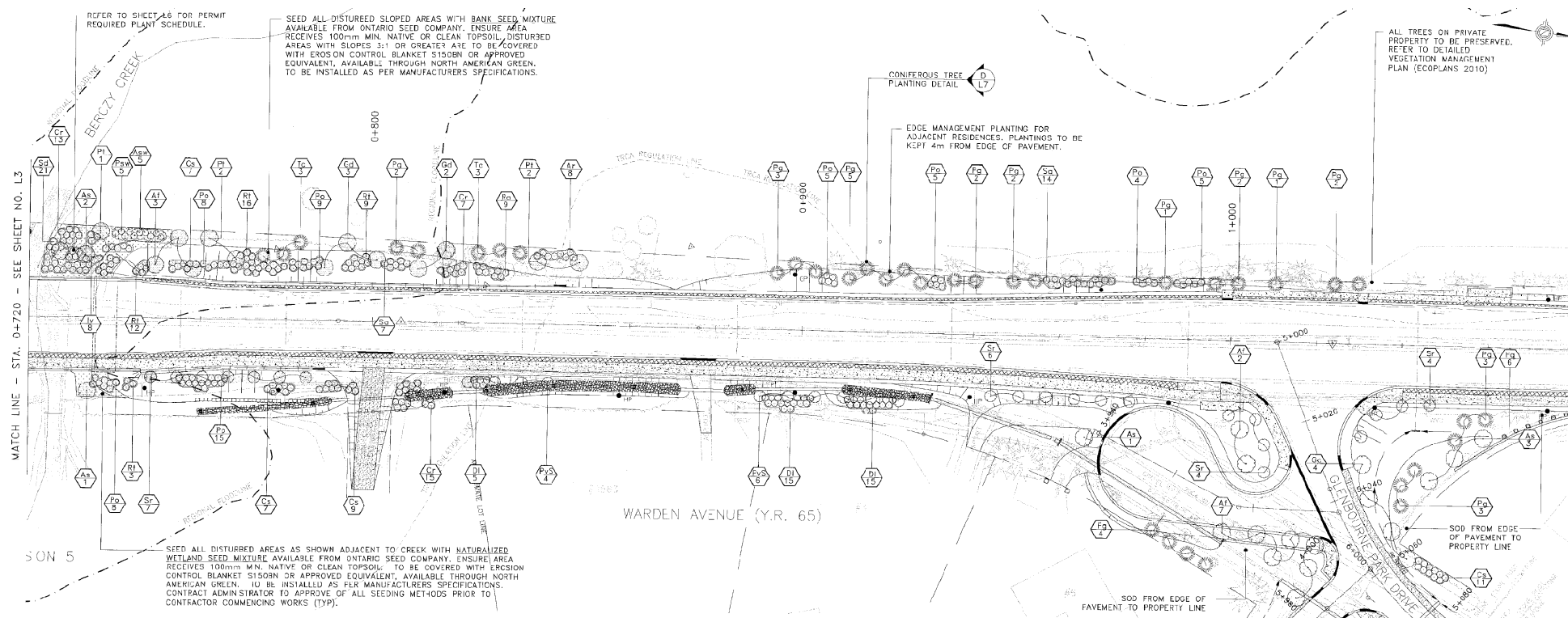
51. THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ENGINEERING DRAWINGS PREPARED BY MCGRAWHILL RANKIN CORPORATION.
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53. ALL UTILITIES AND SERVICES ARE TO BE LOCATED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO ANY LANDSCAPE WORK.
54. WHEN ADJACENT TO CREEKS, CONTRACTOR IS TO STAKE OUT BANKFALL LEVEL PRIOR TO PLANTING. REPORT ANY ANOMALIES TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO COMMENCING PLANTING OPERATIONS.
55. REFER TO TREE MANAGEMENT PLANS PREPARED BY ECOPOLANS LIMITED (FEBRUARY 2010) FOR ALL TREE REMOVALS AND TREE PROTECTION MEASURES.
56. EXISTING VEGETATION TO BE PRESERVED WHERE GRADING AND ENGINEERING WORKS PERMIT. MAKE AS POSSIBLE EXISTING WOODY VEGETATION IS TO REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND PLANTING OPERATIONS.
57. PLANTINGS ADJACENT TO CREEK AHAAS AND FOR EDGE MANAGEMENT PURPOSES ARE TO BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. NO EXISTING PLANT MATERIAL IS TO BE REMOVED IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE PLANTING PLAN. NO PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

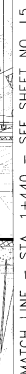
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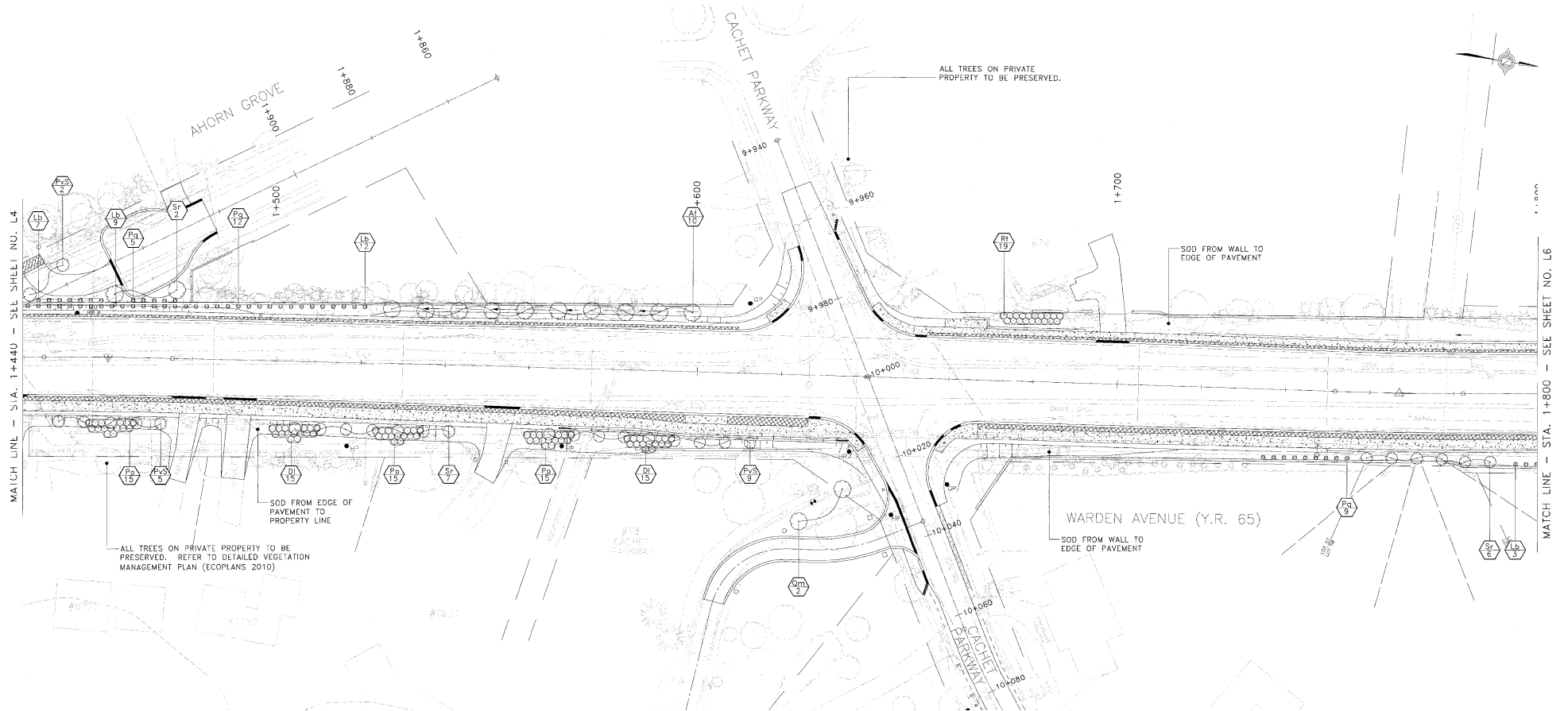
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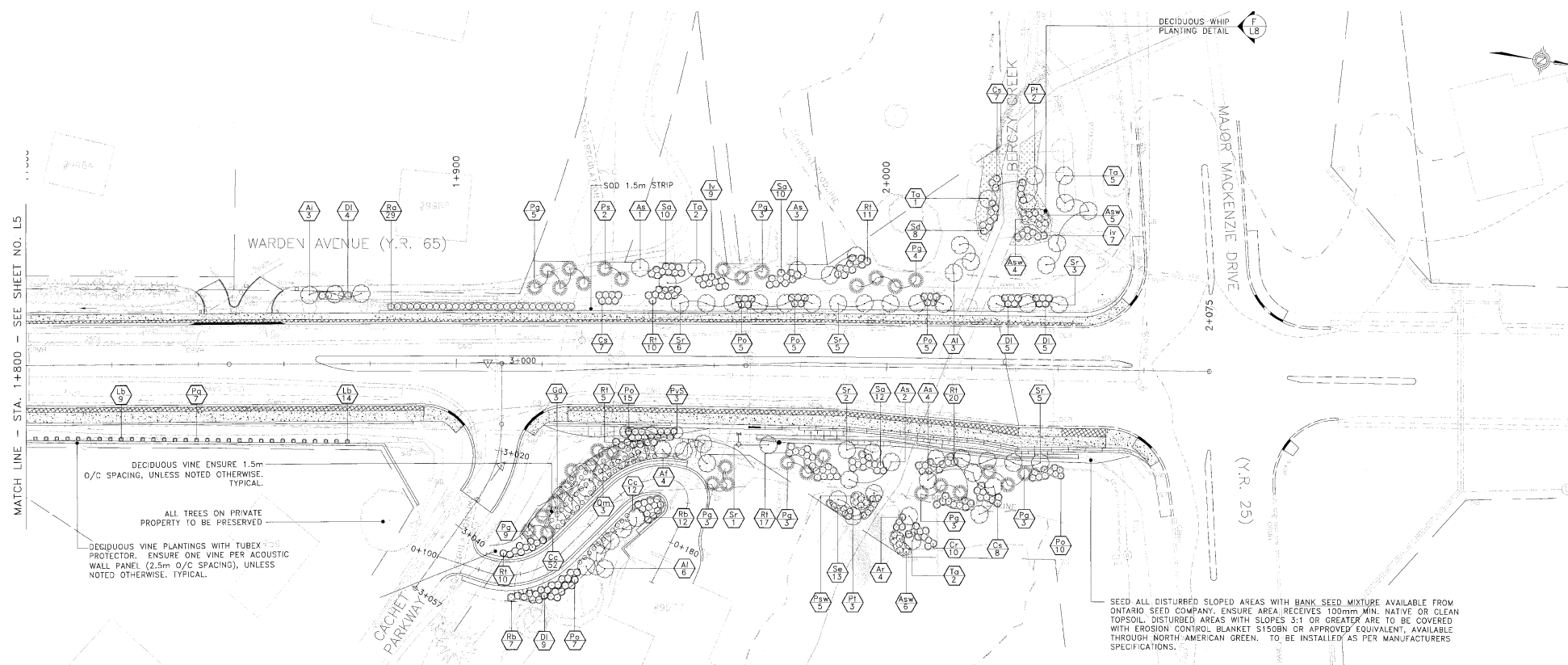


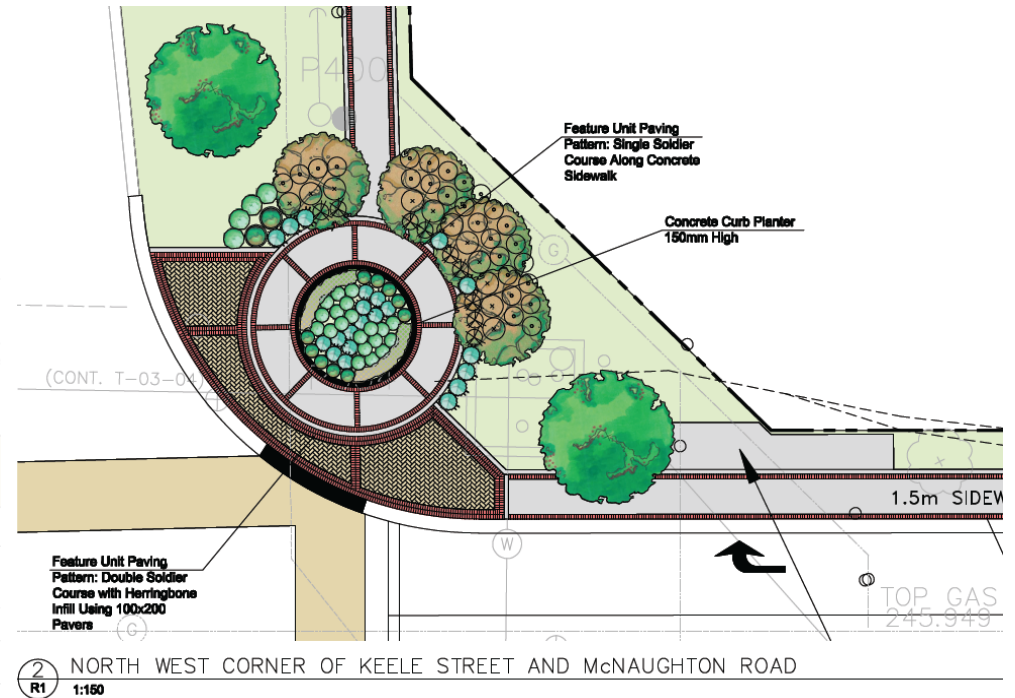
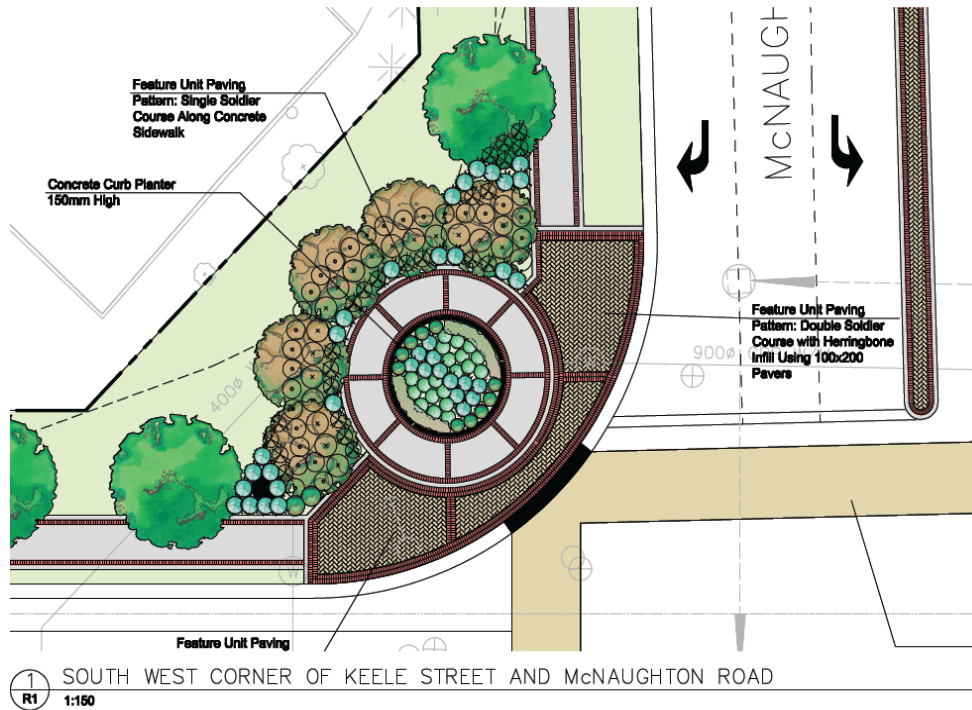
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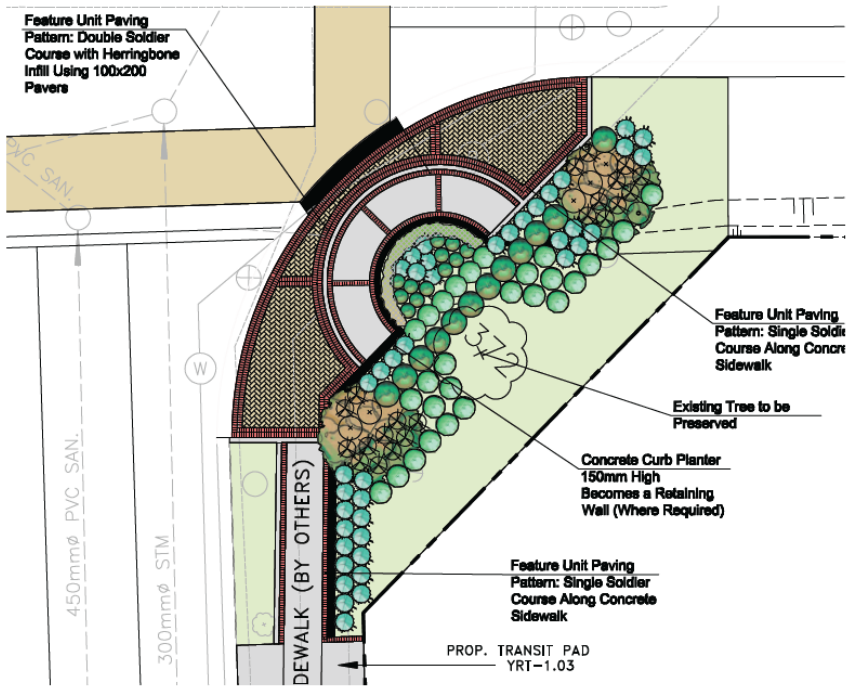












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MASTER PLANT LIST

Key	qty.	Botanical Name	Common Name	Cal.	Ht./Sp.	Cond.
DECIDUOUS TREES						
AF	5	Acer freemanii	Freeman Maple	70mm		SB
CO	5	Celtis occidentalis	Common Hackberry	70mm		SB
PVS	9	Prunus virginiana 'Schubert'	Schubert Chokecherry	50mm		SB
SRIS	11	Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'	Ivory Silk Tree	50mm		SB
CONIFEROUS SHRUBS						
efs	53	Euonymus fortunei 'Sarcocoe'	Sarcocoe Euonymus		60cm	CG
jcoq	30	Juniperus chinensis 'Old Gold'	Old Gold Juniper		60cm	CG
jst	90	Juniperus sabina 'Tamariscifolia'	Tamarix Juniper		60cm	CG
pmp	95	Pinus mugo 'Pumilo'	Mugho Pine		60cm	CG
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS						
pc	74	Prunus cistena	Purpleleaf Sand Cherry		60cm	CG
sbaw	12	Spirea bumalda 'Anthony Waterer'	Anthony Waterer Spirea		60cm	CG
sbg	40	Spirea bumalda 'Goldflame'	Goldflame Spirea		60cm	CG
smp	33	Syringa meyeri 'Palibin'	Dwarf Korean Lilac		60cm	CG
PERENNIAL GRASSES						
hsp	52	Helictotrichon sempervirens	Blue Oat Grass		40cm/c	1 gal.pot
ic	42	Imperata cylindrica 'Rubra'	Japanese Blood Grass		40cm/c	1 gal.pot
PERENNIAL FLOWERS						
hls	23	Hosta 'Royal Standard'	Royal Standard Hosta		60cm/c	1 gal.pot
hsd	150	Hemerocallis 'Stella D'Oro'	Stella D'Oro Daylily		30cm/c	1 gal.pot