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Todd Gainey,

I was able to review the landscape plan (L1.0) for the Goddard school on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>. The planting list and sizes are mostly appropriate for the site and locations. I recommended replacing the *Picea pungens* 'Glauca', Colorado Blue Spruce with *Picea Abies*, white spruce because they are a more hardy tree and native to Massachusetts.

I also recommend replanting for the trees that need removed on the northwest side of the property with three *Carpinus caroliniana*, American Hornbeam a native tree that will grow with an fastiage form and help provide privacy to the neighbors and is tolerate of drought and poor soil conditions. I would also recommend planting a *Amelachier canadensis* 'Glenform' another improved native tree in the front near the power lines where the dead oak will be removed. This tree will not grow in a way that will interfere with the powerlines while helping provide screening to the neighbors.

For planting size I recommend trees between 1.5-2", 2-2.5", 2.5-3" or 3-3.5" caliper. Smaller sized trees will establish quicker have been show to adapt to their new growing site sooner and have better survival rates. The current plan of 2.5-3" caliper, 8-10' tall trees and 5 gallon pots fits well with the A300 standards and current planting practices.

As always I am here to help answer any questions.

Best Regards,

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