



# Memorandum

To: Board of Architectural Review

From: Hyojung Garland, Deputy Director

Date: March 15, 2018

Re: Item No. 2

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**Request for approval of exterior modifications for a landscape improvement of the Vienna Community Center located at 120 Cherry St. SE, (Docket No. BAR-17-18), in the PR, Park and Recreation zoning district; filed by Leslie Herman, Director, Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation.**

There are four different components of the project. Two Eagle Scout service projects propose tree plantings along Cherry Street SE and Mill Street SE, bordering the Vienna Community Center. The Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation (Restore Nature) is proposing a native plant buffer project in two different locations within the Community Center parcel. The Director of Parks and Recreation is representing all four components as one application for the Vienna Community Center landscape enhancement project.

The applicant is requesting approval for landscape improvements of the Vienna Community Center (The landscape plan was originally approved on December 18, 2014, and was amended on August 20, 2015. The "Taking Flight" statue and its related landscaping was approved on August 17, 2017).

**Tree Planting Projects** (*Eagle Scout Service Projects*):

- **Cherry Street:** Norway Spruce (2), Serbian Spruce (2), Cryptomeria Japonica (1), Southern Magnolia (1) will be added around existing trees (reference Cherry Street Tree Plantings)
- **Mill Street:** Eastern Red Cedar (3), Norway Spruce (2) will be added around existing trees. (reference Mill Street Tree Plantings)

**Native Plant Buffer Project** (*by The Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation*):

- **Purpose:** To create a native plant buffer on each side of the Piney Branch Tributary in order to;
  - Reduce rainwater runoff velocity to the tributary
  - Improve overall downstream water quality



- **Locations:** The project area is approximately 2,600 square feet. The native plant habitat buffer extends approximately 10 feet on each side of the Piney Branch Tributary and the area can be divided into two distinct portions
  - Area 1:
    - Depressed area adjacent to the Community Center gymnasium and football equipment annex building
    - Material: 25 Dwarf Red Switchgrass
  - Area 2:
    - Riparian corridor adjacent to a headwater of the Piney Branch tributary
    - Material: Variety of grasses, ferns and wildflowers (reference Page 8 of Spapperi Family Foundation Conservation Landscape Project)

Illustrations and the proposed photo have been included as part of the submittal package.

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This staff report is not an approval.

***Applicants should attend the meeting and represent their application.***

Failure to appear may result in the deferral of the item or amendments to the design.

Failure to appear will not relieve any pending violations.