



# CITY OF BEXLEY TREE & PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION APPLICATION STAFF REVIEW

Project Name: TPGR-25-4 ROW Landscape Plantings To Accompany Fence  
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|    | Project Description                           | Completed | Incomplete | Missing | N/A |
|----|---|-----------|------------|---------|-----|
| 1a | Application                                   | X         |            |         |     |
| 1b | Project Description                           | X         |            |         |     |
|    | <b>Research</b>                               |           |            |         |     |
| 2a | Significant examples                          |           |            |         | X   |
|    | <b>Design Documentation Drawings</b>          |           |            |         |     |
| 3a | Existing conditions photographs               |           | X          |         |     |
| 3b | Site plan or location plan                    | X         |            |         |     |
| 3c | Schematic plan with north arrow and bar scale | X         |            |         |     |
| 3d | Existing City trees indicated on plan         | X         |            |         |     |
| 3e | Proposed vegetation                           | X         |            |         |     |
|    | <b>Recommended information</b>                |           |            |         |     |
| 4a | Irrigation and maintenance plans              |           |            |         | X   |
| 4b | Hardscape layout and materials                |           |            |         | X   |
| 4c | Lighting locations and specifications         |           |            |         | X   |
| 4d | Fixtures, furniture and equipment             |           |            |         | X   |
| 4e | Accessories                                   |           |            |         | X   |
| 4f | Buildings                                     | X         |            |         |     |
| 4g | Other   |           |            |         | X   |

| Comments |  |
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| 4g       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuing/revisiting fence installation and associated plantings as originally addressed in TPGR-24-1 ROW Plantings. Landscape Plan appears to have been modified since 2024 submission. Substitution of Inkberry along Cassady Ave side of property in place of Boxwood sp. is acceptable, though Inkberry can be a temperamental plant in Central Ohio. Per Landscape Plan, 22 Inkberry (<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Shamrock') may fall short of providing adequate screening of fence, as Inkberry often do not achieve stated mature sizes due to issues with soil pH and general soil conditions in Central Ohio. Also, if alternating plantings with perennials, as stated in previous review, an incomplete screening will be present for several months out of the year during the dormant season. Recommend increasing the planting count to 27, planting on 4' centers instead of 5' centers, based on the total linear feet to be covered per landscape plan.</li> <li>- Proposed Hydrangea plantings flanking east side gate are satisfactory for the area and will add some variety to the new landscape.</li> <li>- Also to be noted, arborvitae that are included on the Landscape Plan have already been planted. Pertaining to the arborvitae specifically, homeowner may notice a discrepancy in growth rate in subsequent years between the trees located under the dripline of adjacent Red Oak and the trees located outside of the dripline. Arborvitae are typically a sun-loving species, and prefer adequate moisture throughout the year. Arborvitae plantings, in fact most over evergreen plantings located under the canopy of a large shade tree often struggle to properly establish and thrive due to inadequate levels of sunlight as well as significant root competition for water and necessary nutrients.</li> <li>- City trees located along Cassady Ave side of property should be protected throughout the duration of the fence and landscape installation. Protection should include measures to avoid mechanical damage to trunks of trees as well as sectioning off the critical root zones of trees to prevent soil compaction.</li> <li>- Recommend approval of landscape plan on condition that Inkberry be planted on 4' centers to ensure proper screening of fence in maturity, 27 plants based on site measurements as submitted, and proper tree protection be installed and maintained around Cassady Ave city trees for duration of fence and landscape installations.</li> </ul> |