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Re: Champlain Elementary School

Hi Chris:

I just spent a short while walking through the wooded area that will accommodate the parking area south of the proposed development. As previously described, the existing tree species that will be edited to allow for the development consists of Poplar, Boxelder, Buckthorn, Black Locust, Hedge Maple, Norway maple and Sumac. The predominant species are poplar and boxelder; both are prolific on spoils sites and riparian areas. Both are potentially troublesome due to their fast growth and weak structure.

I looked at the distances necessary for the parking area placement and clearing the trees will result in an opportunity to edit potentially dangerous trees from the proximity of the buildings and its occupants and to create hospitable areas for tolerant trees such as sugar maple, amelanchier, corylus, ostrya and carpinus to be planted and populate to a greater or lesser extent.

I would go so far as to recommend additional poplars, preferably the largest and most threatening, be removed beyond the limits of the minimum clearing needed thereby creating an undulation to the southern edge. This could be planted with sugar maples and other quality natives which would thrive in the additional light provided.

This is my initial impression and I will follow up with the team after more in depth study.

I will be out of town until Friday afternoon but I can be reached at my cell, 802-249-2141 or email, williamdevos@mac.com or bill@treeworks.com.

Regards,

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