

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE June 20, 2023

NUMBER 248-2023

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP FOR 2022 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township is a participating municipality in the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, the City of Orange Township approved Resolution No. 410-2022 to submit a grant application for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Fiscal Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2023 the New Jersey Department of Transportation advised the City of Orange Township that it had been selected to receive funding for the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township hereby accepts the funds under the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2022 in the amount of \$1,488,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to accept funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for the fiscal year 2022.

Adopted: June 20, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President


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5.23.23



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600

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Governor

DIANE GUTIERREZ-SCACCETTI
Commissioner

SHEILA Y. OLIVER
Lt. Governor

May 19, 2023

The Honorable Dwayne Warren
Mayor, Orange City Township
29 N. Day Street
2nd Floor
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Dear Mayor Warren:

The New Jersey Department of Transportation continues its Commitment to Communities Initiative to help local governments succeed in delivering transportation projects. In line with this initiative, I am pleased to inform you that Orange City Township has been selected to receive \$1,488,000 in Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program funding for the Scotland Road Gateway Beautification Project.

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program is being administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO). The goal of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program is to provide federal funds for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation related projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program has proven to be very popular and extremely competitive. This year 104 applications were received totaling more than \$122 million. The Department was able to fund 47 projects based on available funding.

As indicated in our application process, your project should be authorized for implementation within two years of the date of this letter. In addition, the project must be authorized prior to incurring any project related costs that will be reimbursed under this program. Failure to do so will jeopardize your funding. As with all federally funded programs, the funds will be dispersed on a reimbursement basis.

The award of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside grants will be contingent upon the recipient's ability to comply with all applicable federal financial management, project implementation, and oversight regulations; the grant recipient's capabilities to comply with state and federal requirements for the administration of federal-aid highway grants including 23 CFR-Highways; and OMB requirements related to 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 215. Audit requirements will be assessed prior to awarding of funding for this project.

Additionally, all recipients of federal and state grants are required to comply with the provisions of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Should you have any questions regarding your grant, please contact the NJDOT Local Aid District Office in your area.

District 1 - Mt. Arlington - 973-810-9120 District 3 - Trenton - 609-963-2020
District 2 - Newark - 862-350-5730 District 4 - Cherry Hill - 856-414-8414

Again, thank you for your support of this program and good luck with your project.

Sincerely,



Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner

c: Municipal Clerk
Municipal Engineer

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE October 18, 2022

NUMBER 410-2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2022 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (the "Program") provides federal funds for community based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of grant funds available is \$1.5 million, and no municipal matching funds are required; and


WHEREAS, the City will make community improvements, like streetscaping and corridor landscaping surrounding the Highland Avenue Train Station area in the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township wishes to apply for funding in order to complete the proposed project to create an attractive, vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood where people can live, shop, work and play without relying on personal automobiles for their transportation needs.

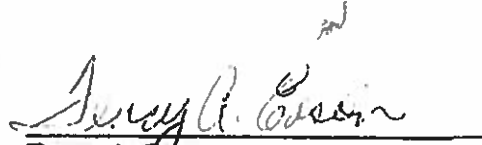
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township as follows:

1. The City of Orange Township hereby accepts the terms of the grant funding and authorizes the electronic submission of the grant application identified as *TA-2023-Orange City Township-00048* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Orange; and
2. The City of Orange Township will assume maintenance responsibility over all improvements completed with grant funding awarded under the 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program; and
3. In accordance with the requirements delineated in 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program guidance, the City of Orange Township hereby designates Marty Mayes, Director of Public works/Engineering as the Responsible Charge for this program. Marty Mayes is a full-time employee of the City of Orange Township in the role of Public Works/Engineering Director and will be the responsible charge for the proposed project; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted: October 18, 2022



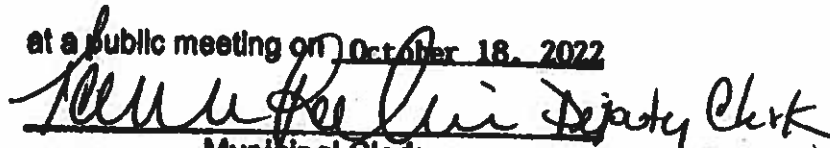
 Joyce L. Lanier
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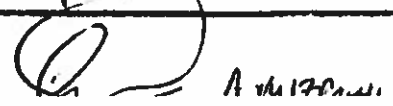
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**Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the
Governing Body of the City of Orange Township.**

at a public meeting on October 18, 2022



 Municipal Clerk


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**SCOTLAND ROAD GATEWAY
BEAUTIFICATION CONCEPT PLAN
AUGUST 22, 2022**

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Scotland Road 'Gateway' Beautification Concept Plan Narrative

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The proposed landscape intervention is located on the 3.5 blocks on Scotland Road between Freeman Street and McChesney Street in Orange, New Jersey. The area in question is immediately south of the Highland Avenue Train Station. The landscape is a left-over space that was created when the New Jersey Transit rail road tracks were elevated above grade. In this location the amount of space between Scotland Road and the elevated rail tracks is so diminutive that it is undevelopable real estate. Given the narrowness, the space has persisted as an unsightly bed of gravel, weeds, security fences, and billboards, all of which are in various states of disrepair and neglect. Given that the landscape is on a major thoroughfare in the town of Orange, this disused space looms large in the perception of Orange as a municipality.

The goal of the project is to visually activate the space by adding landscape along the length of this 'left-over' landscape. The design incorporates a 'layered' landscape that visually weaves up and down the terraced slope along the full length of the three blocks. This weaving of the landscape will maximize the visual effect and soften the hard urban edge between the train tracks and sidewalk. To improve the look of the landscape, we are also proposing that all of the security fencing is relocated and replaced closer to the rail tracks and away from the sidewalk. The landscape will be planted with low/no irrigation plantings and no-mow grasses for limited maintenance. In addition to planting the terraced landscape bed, the project aims to reinstate the missing street trees along this length of road. The sidewalk currently incorporated tree pits along its length, but presently there are only a few trees that have survived. The plan calls for approximately 20 new trees along the length of the road. This will also dramatically soften the hard edge between the rail tracks and sidewalk, providing significant pedestrian shade and make the sidewalk much more enjoyable for walking.

Finally, in addition to the planted beds and trees, our concept incorporates a small 'pocket park' at the corner of McChesney Street and Scotland Road. This location has a greater depth than the rest of the landscape's length so there is an opportunity for public space development. Currently this area of landscape has some mature trees and landscape features, but was never fully developed. Because it sits behind a security fence its only purpose at present is to collect urban garbage. Our concept is to open up this small greenspace to the sidewalk by moving the security fence adjacent to the rail tracks and away from the sidewalk. This will allow us to activate the greenspace with blue stone pavers, benches, landscape retaining walls, and intensive plantings to create a 'pocket park' that will provide a small urban park along this lively corridor. We think it has the opportunity to vastly improve the visual and urban experience of this major transit artery in Orange and serve as a significantly improved 'gateway' to the community.



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Moving you forward

Scotland Road Gateway Beautification Project

City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey

Landscaping Improvements Order of Magnitude Cost Estimate				
Major Item	Unit	Unit Cost	Quantity	Item Cost
Clearing Site	LS	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
Excavation, Unclassified	CY	\$ 55.00	1,000	\$ 55,000.00
Blue Stone Pavers	SF	\$ 30.00	1,500	\$ 45,000.00
Bench	Each	\$ 2,500.00	13	\$ 32,500.00
Security Fence	LF	\$ 90.00	700	\$ 63,000.00
Reinforced CMU Retaining Wall	SF	\$ 190.00	1,000	\$ 190,000.00
Topsoil/Seeding/Mulching	SY	\$ 10.00	3,000	\$ 30,000.00
Scarlet Oak Tree	Each	\$ 250.00	9	\$ 2,250.00
Bald Cypress Tree	Each	\$ 200.00	11	\$ 2,200.00
Non-Quantified Construction Costs:				
Plantings (TBD)	SF	\$ 12.00	27,000	\$ 324,000.00
Total Estimated Cost:				\$ 753,950.00
USE FOR Landscaping:				\$ 754,000.00

Total Security Fence/CMU Walls	Length (ft)
Reinforced CMU Retaining Wall	126 77 ft
Security Fence	632 ft

Total Planter Beds:	Square Feet
PB1	13,647 sqft
PB2	11,848 sqft

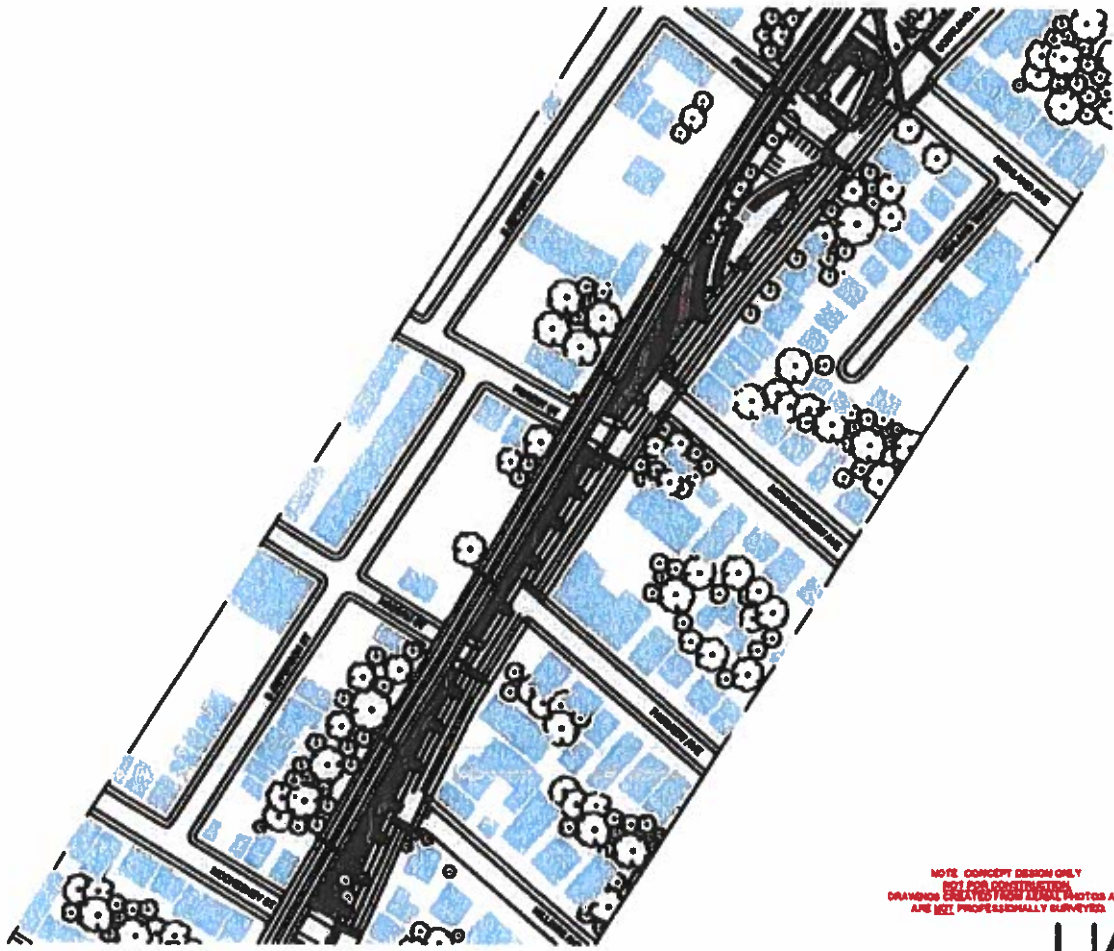
Material/Plant Name	Quantity	Square Feet
Wood Decking	17	-
Steel Support Posts	2	-
Blue Stone Pavers	1	1,489 sqft

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Planting	Quantity	Quantity	Common Name
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Plant 2	1	1	Plant 2
Plant 3	1	1	Plant 3
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Scotland Gateway Site Plan



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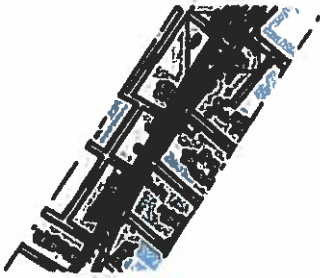


Planter Beds	Square Feet
PB1	-
PB2	-

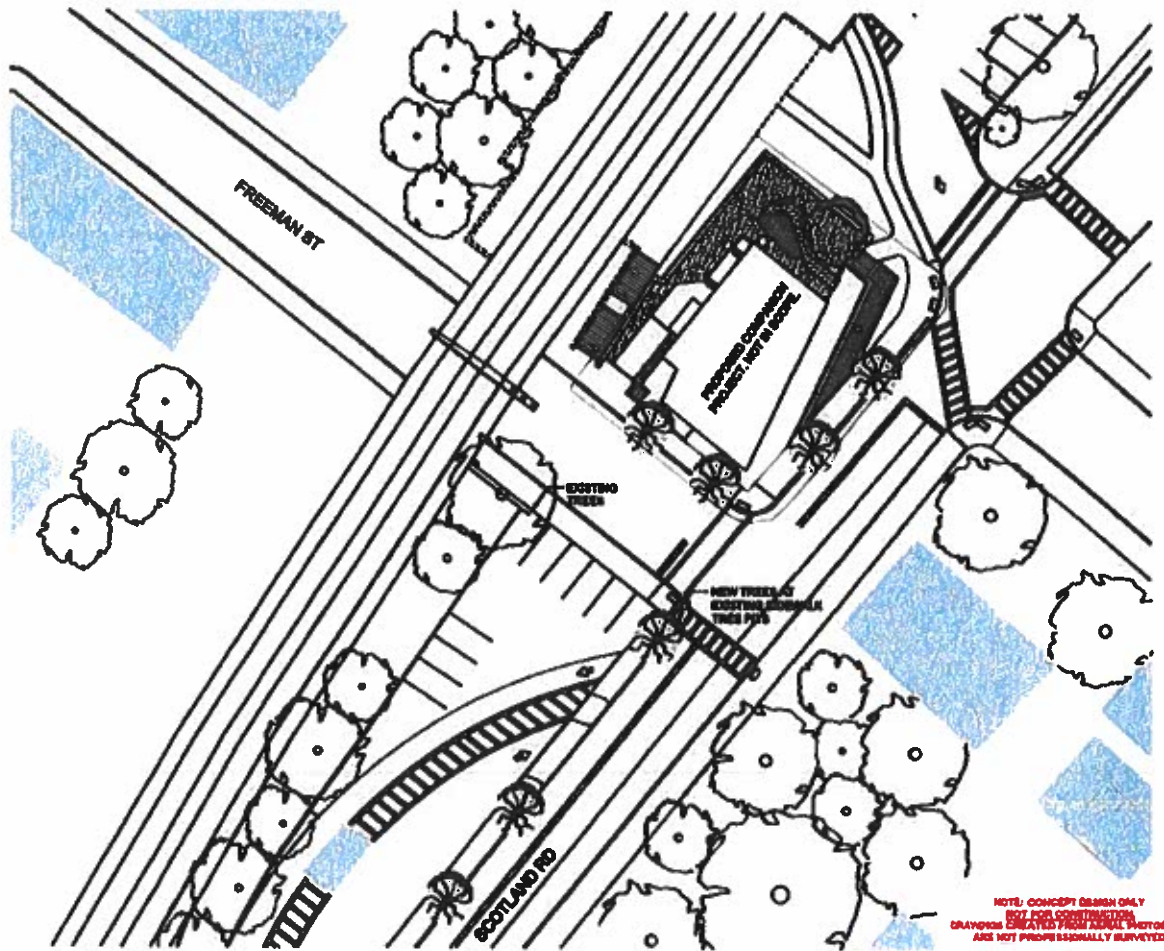
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Gateway	Number of Plants	In Diameter	Quantity	Common Name
01	Plants 4x 1		120	
02	Plants 4x 1		120	
P1	Plant 1		120	
P2	Plant 1		120	
P3	Plant 1		120	
P4	Plant 1		120	
P5	Plant 1		120	
P6	Plant 1		120	
Gateway Tree:	Quantity	Latitude	Water	Common Name
OC	1	Overhead	Overhead	Scrub Oak
TP	1	Handicap	Structure	Ball Cypress



Freemen Intersection & Gateway Project:



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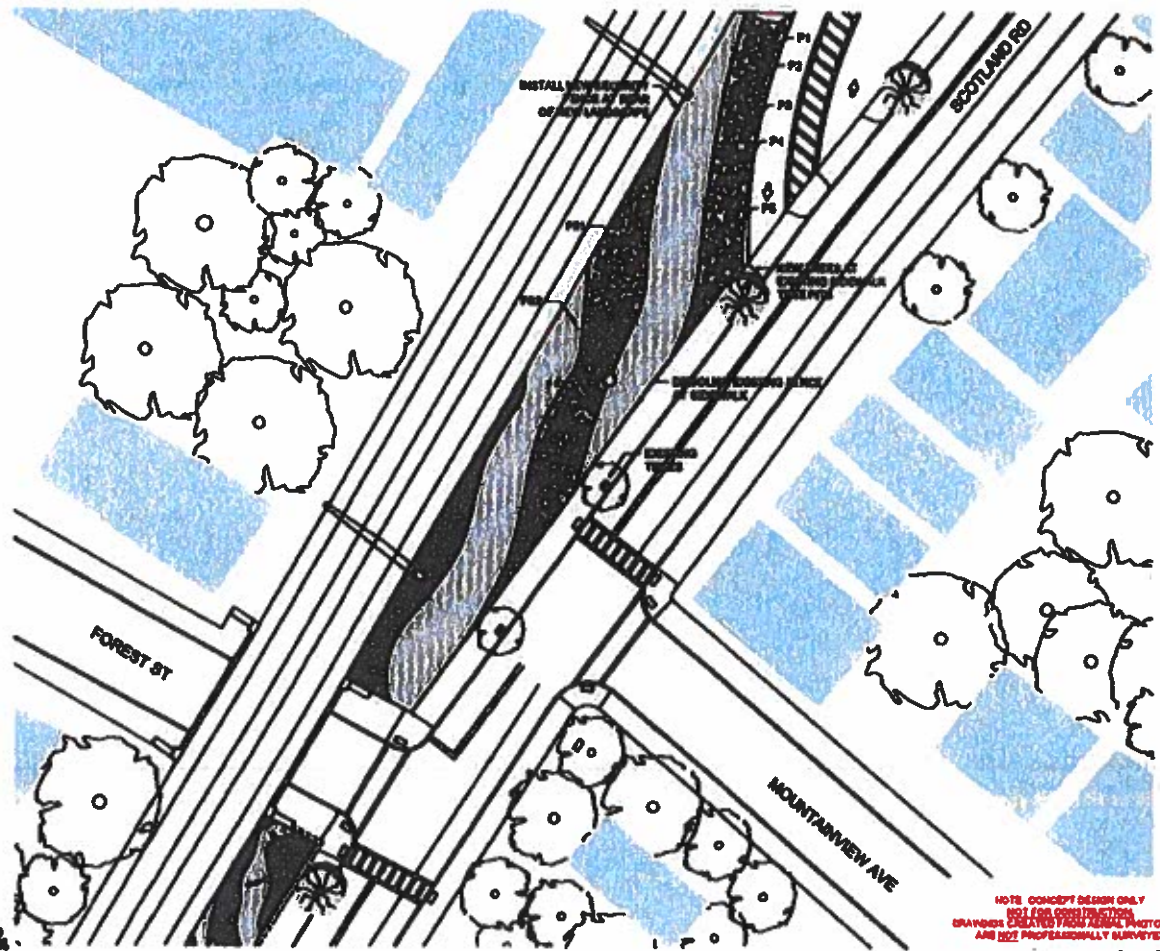
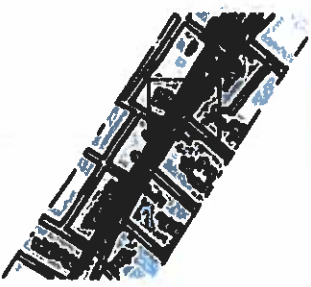
Security Fence/CMU Walls	Length (ft)
Reinforced CMU Retaining Wall	-
Security Fence	394.5 ft

Planter Beds	Square Feet
PB1	4,688 sqft
PB2	5,180 sqft

KEY: PB1 PB2

EXISTING TREES NEW TREES

Quantity	Plant/Plant	In	Quantity	Common Name
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Block of Freeman St & Forest St

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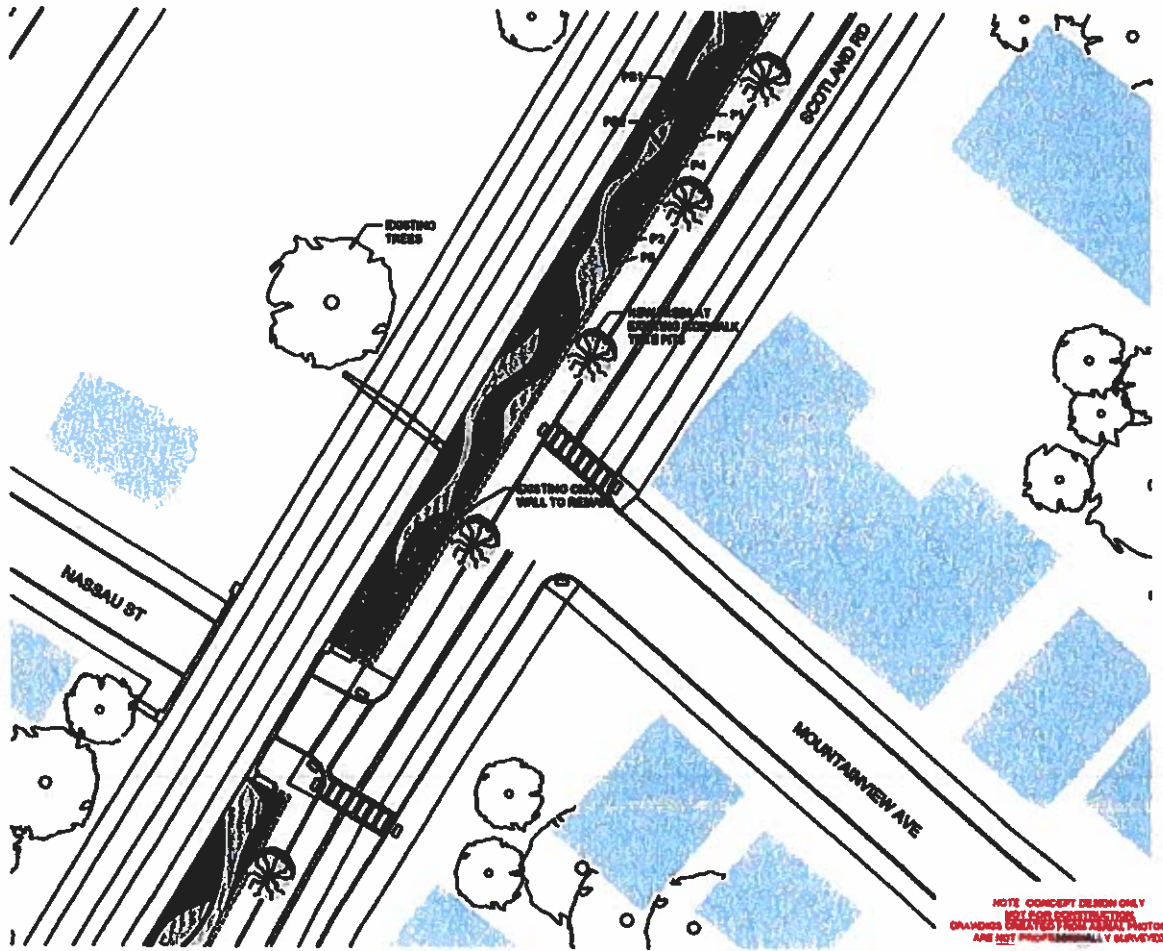


Planter Bed	Square Feet
PB1	3,591 sqft
PB2	2,030 sqft

KEY: PB1 PB2



Quantity	Plant/Species	Size/Grade	Quantity	Common Name
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042	Plant Bed 2	-	-	150
043	Plant 1	-	-	150
044	Plant 2	-	-	150
045	Plant 3	-	-	150
046	Plant 4	-	-	150
047	Plant 5	-	-	150
Quantity	Species	Quantity	Common Name	
048	1	1	1	
049	2	1	1	
050	3	1	1	



Block of Forest St & Nassau St

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