

Tree Project Committee

Objective: To identify the best company to fulfill the remaining gaps between existing trees on HOA Property, ultimately creating a thriving “green screen” and providing privacy to the neighborhood and residents along the perimeter of GVOL primarily Ashland along Odyssey and Athena streets.

This project is being funded from the remaining balance of the 2018 HOA Board and community vote and approval for a total budget of \$35,000 for a tree project along Odyssey and Athena. The project currently has a maximum budget of \$23,200.

Arborist's Recommendations

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ISA Board Certified Master Arborist PD 1829 BM

ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist

ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification

ASCA Qualified Tree and Plant Appraiser

"Making improvements to improve the sight lines is a primary concern but could be just the beginning of realizing a broader more ecologically sound landscape and green-space integration.

In the short term it is vitally important to select plant material that is ideally suited to the existing conditions, it is low maintenance and meets the primary concern of screening. Using long walls of evergreens should be avoided. This is not a natural process and a monoculture of trees on mass can also be a breeding ground for insect and disease issues.

Clustering trees in groups of 3 or 4 trees of the same species along major site lines will create depth. Diversifying these clusters from one to the next will limit the impact of potential insect or disease. Using a clustering method will be more cost effective as you can create depth while utilizing less plant material.

Over time more depth can be created using massed shrubs. This is a natural stepdown from larger overstory material to medium height and eventually into the turf elements. Do not forget that the most underutilized tool in landscape design is space."**

Short Term Planting Solutions:

- Norway Spruce
- Green Giant Arborvitae
- American Holly
- Eastern Redbud
- Flowering Dogwood
- Black Gum
- Eastern Red Cedar

**This information was provided from the Arborist report and is available in full upon request.

Company A

Wilmington, DE

EST 1998

Experience serving residential and commercial clients

Company B

Glenmoore, PA

EST 2002

Company C

Wilmington, DE

EST 2014

Residential clients

Price Comparison

Table 1

	Company A	Company B	Company C	*Notes
# of Trees	120	42	125	
Species of Tree Proposed	Green Giant Arborvitae, Norway Spruce	Green Giant Arborvitae, Norway Spruce, White Spruce	Green Giant Arborvitae, Norwegian Spruce	
Tree Height	6'	5-6'; 6-7**	6-7'	*Height depends on species for Company B
Warranty	1 year	1 year	1 year*	*Warranty offered for surpassing 1 year
Total Cost	\$18,900.00	\$12,480.00	\$17,634.40	
Deposit Required	\$12,900.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,000.00	
2nd Payment	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,634.40	
3rd Payment	-	\$6480.00	-	

Additional Considerations

COI (Certificate of Liability) for the HOA

Water Treatment

Fertilizer/Feeding for the Trees

Deer Protective Measures