



North Woodside Civic Association

June 15, 2023
Community Tree Triangle
Landscape Master Plan - Preliminary Design
From Strawberry Fields Design, LLC



Design Goals for the Landscape Master Plan

The following goals were presented to the landscape designers we asked to bid for the project:

1. Replace grass with planting and permeable pathways
2. Strong consideration of the annual neighborhood winter holiday events
3. Take into consideration sight lines for traffic safety
 - Further input from Montgomery County: plants to have a maximum height of 18"-24"
4. Attract pollinators and provide food/cover for birds
5. Minimal long term maintenance of plantings and short-term watering
6. Native species, sourced from environmentally conscious growers/suppliers vs. commercial suppliers
7. Consider including a bench

Project Location



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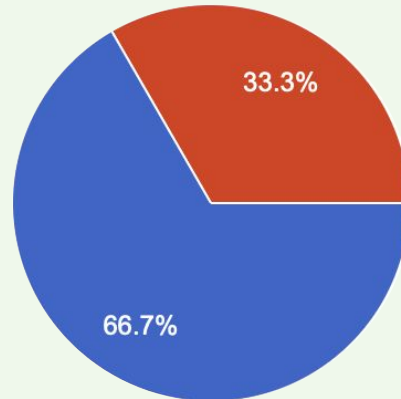
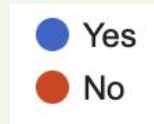


Community Tree Triangle

Results from the Community Survey

16 survey responses received in the first 2 weeks of March, solicited by way of the NWCA listserv and Beacon newsletter.

- ❖ In what ways do you / would you like to engage in the use of the space?
 - **87% - Winter Holidays' Tree & Menorah Lighting**
 - **87% - Place to sit**
 - **69% - Small group meeting space**
 - **63% - Opportunities to learn about native plants & pollinator habitat**
- ❖ Is a shade element important?



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(Answers provided in the meeting shown in italics)

❖ Highlights from “**Comments, concerns, or questions for the NWCA Community Design Committee about this project?**”

- Would like to see at least one (memorial) bench location. - *Opportunities in the design*
- Perhaps a place for Roots & Shoots projects like insect hotels - *Opportunities in the design*
- Opportunity for an in-person meeting at the space to discuss the design?
 - *Yes! Coming soon*
- Price & Labor: It would be good if the price tag could be kept as low as possible, particularly through volunteer labor
 - *Neighborhood may provide the labor to prepare the site. Planting should be professionally done/supervised.*
 - *Installed plant sizes can be smaller and lessen the cost.*
 - *The Community Design Committee is exploring various grant opportunities to help fund the project. Grant-writing help needed!*
 - *Neighbors may contribute to the donation fund on the [NWCA website](#)*
 - *Neighbors will have opportunities to buy plants from Phyllida with all proceeds going toward funding the project. \$361 raised so far. Thanks Phyllida!*

Results from the Community Survey

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❖ Highlights from “**Comments, concerns, or questions for the NWCA Community Design Committee about this project?**” *(continued)*

➤ Maintenance:

- How will the 18-24" in height max be enforced?
 - *Most plants selected will grow to that height*
- Who in the neighborhood will be responsible for long term maintenance?
 - *Native plants require less maintenance once established*
 - *Neighborhood weeding/maintenance “parties” 2x per year*
 - *Adjacent neighbor Jenny Hess has generously offered to provide initial water source with help from neighbors on a schedule to make it happen - to be scheduled*

➤ Concern that landscaping most of the triangle may constrict the free flow of neighbors at some of the larger events we have.

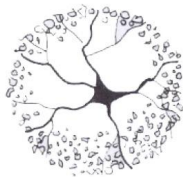
- *Please see the proposed plan on the following pages*

Preliminary Landscape Design Master Plan


The design is fully scaled, showing the mature width of each planting, including the existing tree.

Please note: CREEPING THYME will be planted instead of the sedum

Plant index



Cercis canadensis (redbud), qty 2

-  *Dicentra eximia* (native bleeding heart) qty 17
-  *Amsonia tabernemontana* 'Blue Ice' (Dwarf blue star) qty 25
-  *Echinacea* 'Little Giant' (dwarf coneflower) qty 40
-  *Aster* 'October Skies' (purple aster) qty 35
-  *Packera aurea* (golden groundsel) qty 30
-  *Rudbeckia* 'Little Goldstar' (dwarf black-eyed susan) qty 30
-  *Nepeta* 'Walkers Low' (catmint) qty 25
-  *Helleborus* 'Annas red' (purple hellebore) qty 25
-  *Monarda* d. 'Petite Delight' (dwarf beebalm) qty 25
-  *Coreopsis* 'Zagreb' (tickseed) qty 25
-  *Carex socialis* (social sedge) qty 75
-  *Phlox subulata* 'Emerald Blue' (creeping blue phlox) qty 75
+ 350 *Narcissus* sp. (spring daffodils)
-  *Sedum sexangulare* (stonecrop) qty 100

New circular permeable paver patios. Suggested nicolock eco-tre permeable paver, with gray paver edging.
(1 larger size - 12 ft diameter, 2 smaller size - 9 ft diameter)



 *Strawberry Fields LLC*
Landscape Design + Installation

1" = 10 ft

NWCA Community
Tree Triangle
Intersection of
Luzerne Ave
& Glen Ross Ave
Silver Spring, MD

Project Description from Kellie Cox, Strawberry Fields, LLC

The community garden landscape master plan - **PLANTINGS:**

- Selection of **native and low maintenance plants** in the landscape.
 - a. All (except the two redbuds) are under 24" in height at maturity.
 - b. Provide year-round color and texture in the landscape, will be very tough and hardy (very low maintenance!) and will thrive in this unique landscape.
 - c. About 85% of the plants are native, and will provide a habitat and food source for our local wildlife, as well as reducing any storm water runoff that may occur in the triangle.
- **Two redbud trees** (provided by Montgomery County)
 - a. More than that would crowd the space.
 - b. Will shade the new patio spaces.

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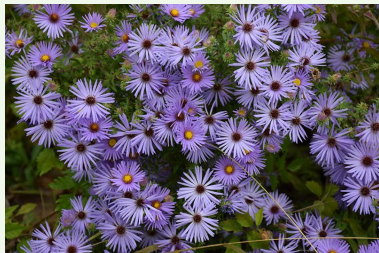
The community garden landscape master plan - **HARDSCAPING**:

- Community spaces to the left of the triangle, where many of the community activities occur.
 - a. **3 circular patios** (“social circles”) of permeable pavers, with brick paver edging.
 - b. Will allow water to run between/through the stone, just like soil.
 - c. A very solid patio (these are also used for driveways).
- The largest circular patio will have a sitting **bench**, with a beautiful redbud tree to shade the space.
- The 2 smaller circular spaces to use for the various community events, as well as a space for **container gardens** that the local kids can plant in (roots and shoots activity!).
- Will be surrounded by low maintenance and low growing plants, which many people can step on as needed.
- There will be **irregular stone steppers with groundcovers between** the steppers. The plants are sometimes referred to as 'stepables', where they can handle a fair amount of traffic.
- The stone steppers will connect the circular patios, as well as creating destinations and connections throughout the triangle gardens.

Photos of Plants Proposed



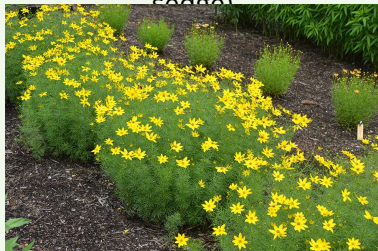
Amsonia "blue ice"
(dwarf blue star)
Spring



Aster "october skies"
(purple aster)
Fall



Carex socialis (social
sedge)



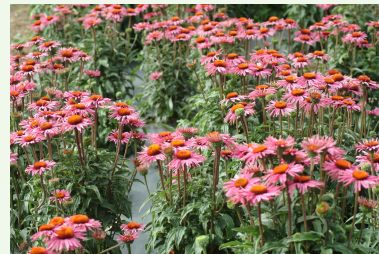
Coreopsis "zagreb" (tickseed)
Late Spring



Daffodil "Sir Winston Churchill"
Early Spring



Dicentra eximia
(native bleeding heart)
Late Spring



Echinacea "Little Giant"
(dwarf coneflower)
Early Summer



Helleborus "Anna's Red"
(purple hellebore)
Spring

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Monarda d. "petite delight"
(dwarf beebalm)
Early Summer



Packera aurea (golden ragwort)
Spring



Rudbeckia "Little Goldstar"
(dwarf black-eyed susan)
Summer



Cercis canadensis (redbud)
Spring



Nepeta "walkers low"
(catmint)
Early Summer to Early Fall



Phlox subulata "Emerald Blue"
(creeping blue phlox) Spring



Sedum sexangulare
(stonecrop)



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Photos of Hardscaping Proposed



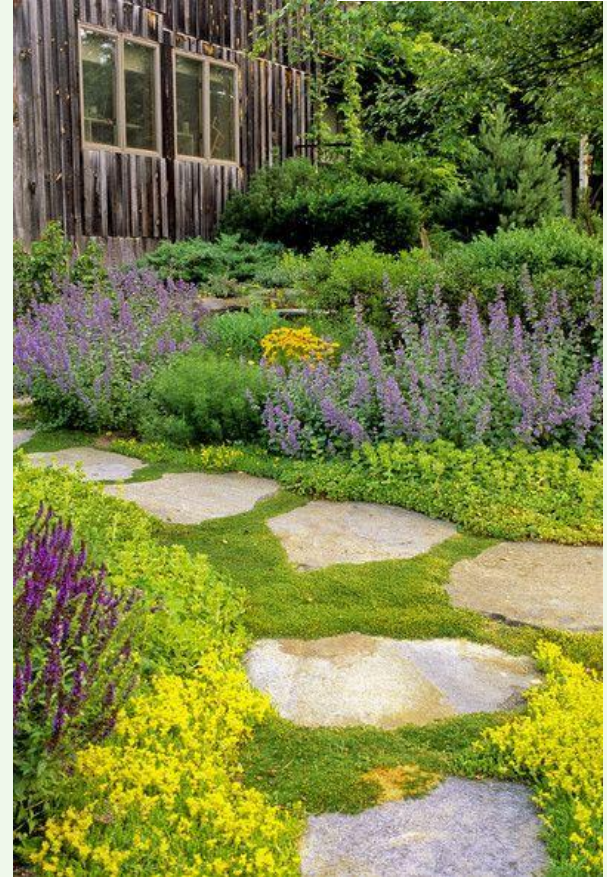
Example of Circular Permeable
Paver Patio



Example of Memorial Bench
installed at 3rd & Lanier



Detail of Permeable Pavers



Example of irregular steppers with plantings

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