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2015 Neighborhood Improvement Program Grant Application

(Deadline, Wednesday, February 11, 2015)

Neighborhood Group: Meadowview 7 & 8 Condos Date: 2-10-15

Project Title: Xeriscaping

Project Location: various small plots of grass within the condo development

Amount requested: $6000 Grant # 008

NIP Grants applied for or awarded in the last three years:

2012 - Applied for: (Yes) No Grant awarded? Yes (No) Amount Awarded? $

2013 - Applied for: (Yes) No Grant awarded? (Yes) No Amount Awarded? $ $6,000

2014 - Applied for: Yes (No) Grant awarded? Yes (No) Amount Awarded? $

Is your neighborhood a voluntary neighborhood or a HOA Voluntary (HOA)

4. Identify the need or problem your neighborhood has recognized and is prepared to address. (Value 0 to 4 points), based on, "how compelling is this need" - 0 not compelling, 1 somewhat compelling, 2-compelling, 3 very compelling, 4 extremely compelling.

It appears that when our condo neighborhood was built, the developer landscaped with some decorative beds of rock and plants and trees, and by default, bluegrass everywhere else. As it is, our neighborhood abounds with little choppy patches of grass that serve no purpose and require constant watering, and especially waste water by overspraying onto street and sidewalks. We would like, over the years, to convert these small patches of grass to xeriscaping, thereby 1. saving water by using rock and native xeriscape plants requiring little water, 2. eliminate the watering of streets and sidewalks from overspray, and 3. making our neighborhood more authentic and aesthetic with landscaping that harmonizes with the natural semi-arid landscape of the Colorado front range.

5. How did you involve your neighborhood in identifying this need or problem?
(Value 0 to 4 points), based on, what level was the neighborhood involved in identifying this nee
- 0 not involved, 1 somewhat involved, 2- involved, 3 very involved, 4 extremely involved.

As water for irrigation is one of the biggest expenses in our budget, that we all pay for through our HOA dues, saving mo through water usage reduction is of interest to all residen Some residents have expressed concerns about the cost inconvenience of overspray on to streets and sidewalks, and about safety when those areas become slick with ice. The board members, along with several residents and our landscap maintenance company, did several walkthroughs to identify that would benefit from xeriscaping, and several ur have been very involved in creating the speci landscaping plans for these areas.

6. Describe how the project will provide a solution that is sustainable to the problem stat
(Value 0 to 4 points), based on, how will this provide a sustainable solution to the need or probl
solution, not sustainable, 1 an OK solution, not very sustainable, 2- a good solution, sustainable,
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Xeriscaping is the sensible and sustainable way to land in Colorado, and in fact new developments require it. will save considerable water by converting from grass, u requires daily irrigation, to xeriscaping with plants tha little water via dripline. We will eliminate wa water from overspray onto streets and sidewalks. We will be modernizing our landscape to be more com with current landscaping practices. And we will be proa in creating a water-conserving landscape before water be more scarce and expensive. Out of approximately 30 sites in t neighborhood that would benefit from xeriscaping, we hav for the grant the 9 most compelling. The rest we wi continue to work on with our own resources, and hopefully, grants.

7. What is the contribution to this project from neighborhood (money/materials/labor)? **(Value 0 to 6 points)**, based on, contribution from the neighborhood- 0 poor contribution, 1 an adequate contribution, 2 a good contribution, 3 very good contribution, 4 excellent contribution, 1 extra point for a non HOA neighborhood, an additional extra point for a non HOA neighborhood that has a contribution of 25% or greater.

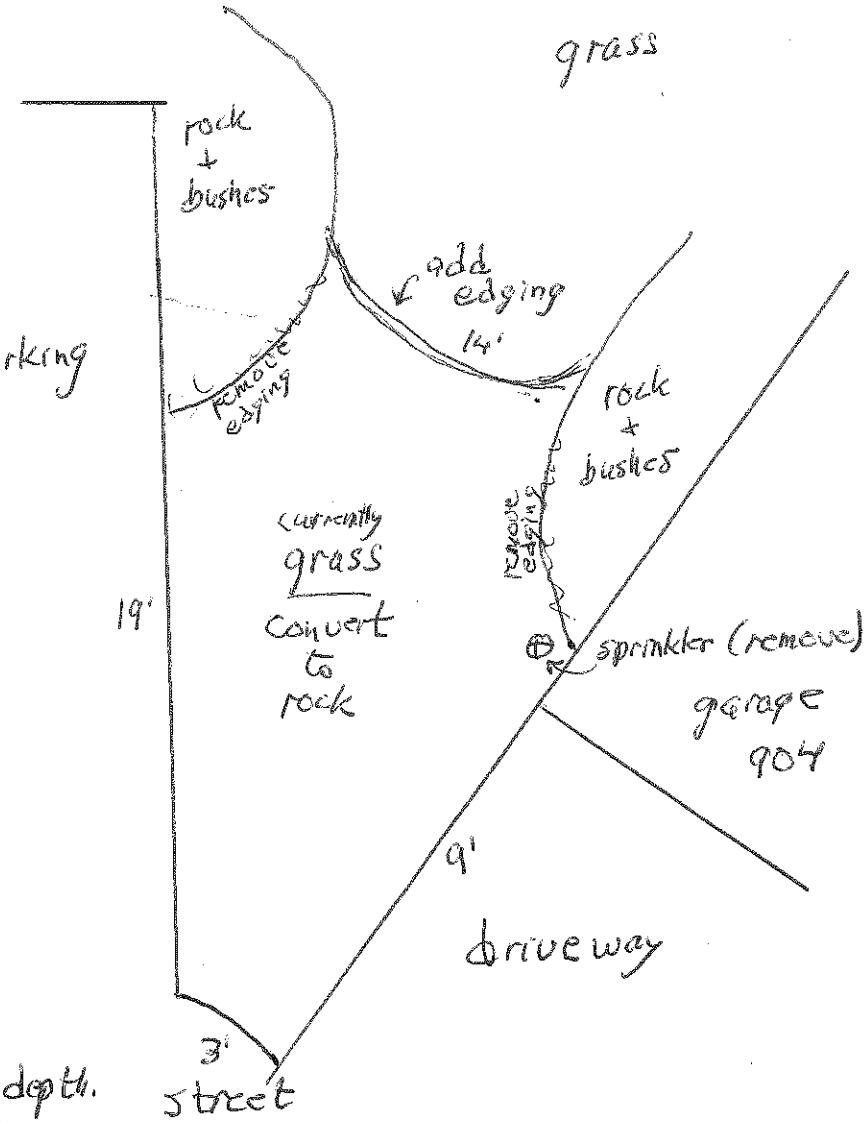
We are asking for a $6,000 grant. We will match that with $2,000 from our HOA budget, to pay for $8,000 worth of landscaping converting grass to xeriscaping. In addition, Board members have contributed about 50 hours of time in planning this project and developing the specific site plans enclosed here. Sun and Shade, our landscape maintenance contractors, have donated about 12 hours of volunteer time in helping develop the plans and in preparing estimates so we would know which and how many plots to include in the grant. Thus we have about $1000 worth of volunteer time invested in the project.

8. The NIP Grant is funded by the Public Improvement Fund and must provide a clear public benefit. Describe how will this project benefit the public? **(Value 0 to 6 points)**, based on, how will this provide a clear benefit to the public- 0-1 poor benefit, 2-3 an OK benefit, 4-5 a good benefit, 6-7 very good benefit, 8-10 excellent benefit.

This project will save water, a benefit to all, especially as water becomes more scarce and expensive. Xeriscaping will beautify the landscape within our complex, making it harmonize better with Colorado scenery and sensibilities. It will reduce the hazzard of icy sidewalks and street (due to overspray) and so increase the safety of anyone who walks or travels through our neighborhood. Our neighborhood can be a role model for other older neighborhoods in converting more to xeriscaping, thus encouraging a trend in water-conservation in landscaping.

Between garage 904 and parking lot.

Narrow useless patch of grass between garage and parking lot. Looks out-of-place, Hard to water evenly, overspray onto driveway + parking, wastes water and slick when freezes. Area is snowpile area in winter, so cannot have landscaping here. Want to convert to river rock, to match other nearby small spaces.



- Remove turf to 3" depth.
- Cap sprinklers.
- Put in about 14' of new edging to connect with current edging, and remove old sections of edging between parking lot + new edging, and between garage 904 and new edging.
- Lay landscaping fabric.
- Cover with 1-½" river rock, 3" deep.

Between garages 901 and 803.
Currently - a narrow useless strip of grass between driveways and garages. Hard to water evenly. Overspray on to driveways wastes water and is slick + icy when freezes.
Is snowpile area in winter.
Want to convert area to river rock, to match other nearby small spaces.

- Remove turf to 3" depth
- Cap sprinkler(s)
- Put in 6' of edging about 15' back from street, blend in to current edging.
- Remove edging between garage 901 and new edging
- Lay landscape fabric
- Cover with size 1-½" river rock, 3" deep

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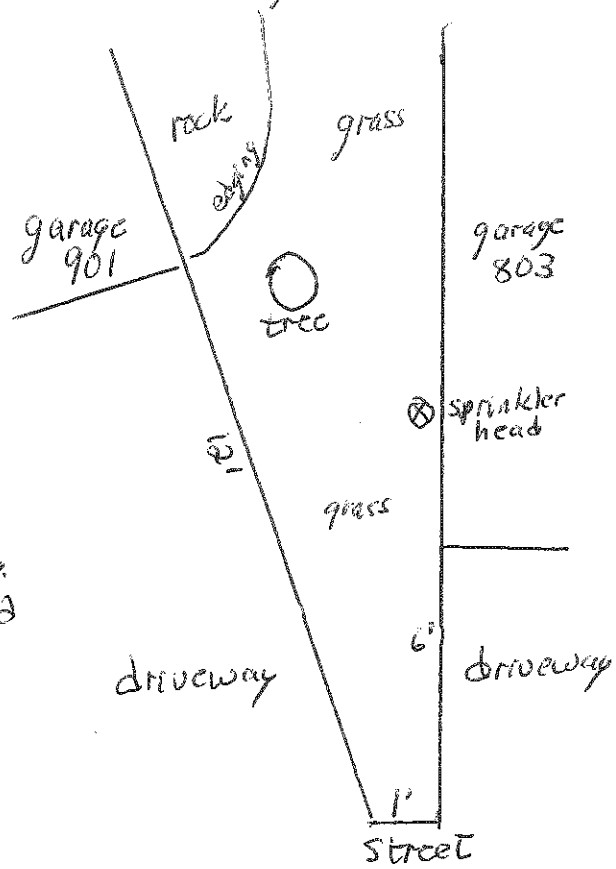

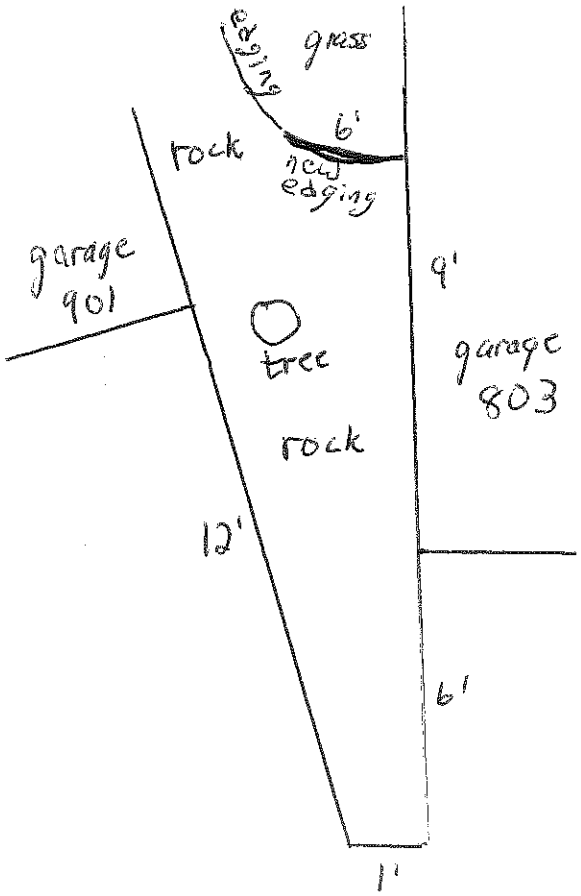

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Mailbox area east of Unit 104.

Currently there is a small, empty square of grass behind and overshadowed by the mailbox unit, alongside the sidewalk going to the dumpster. It looks dumb. And sprinkler water overspraying onto the sidewalk (because it's such a small space) wastes water and makes sidewalk slick when icy.

Want to remove the grass, convert to river rock, and plant decorative plants in the space.

- Remove turf from 8' x 7½' space to 3" depth.
- Plant 2 Karl Foster grasses, #5, in back part of space and a dwarf mugo pine, #5, at front.
- Cap sprinkler head, bring dripline irrigation from east side of unit 104 to new plants.
- Lay landscaping fabric.
- Cover area with size 1-1½" river rock, 3" deep.

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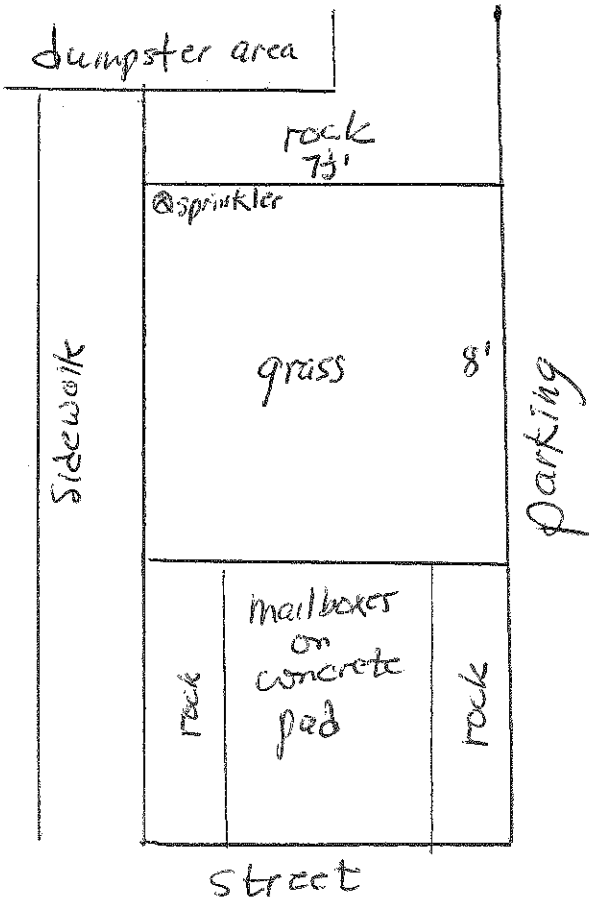

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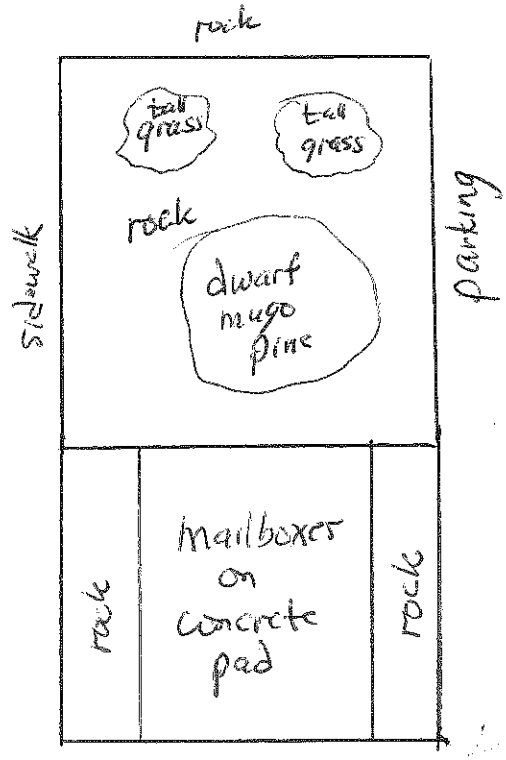

North of Units 1402 and 1401.

Currently there is a long, 2 foot wide strip of grass along the street that serves no functional purpose. Because of it's narrowness, it is impossible to water without considerable overspray onto the street. Why are we wasting water and money watering the street? Want to convert the long strip, and the U-shaped flare at the center of it, to rock like the rock that borders it, and add some bushes in the flare to tie it in with the current bordering bushes.

- Remove turf 3" deep from 67' x 2' strip and the 11' wide flare.
- Cap existing sprinkler heads (exact number of heads should be verified by contractor, as heads are not visible now)
- Remove edging that currently separates rock from grass.
- Plant 5 Anthony Water spirea, side #5, in front of tree.
- Extend drip line irrigation from existing plants to new plants.
- Lay landscaping fabric.
- Cover area with size 1-1½" river rock, 3" deep.

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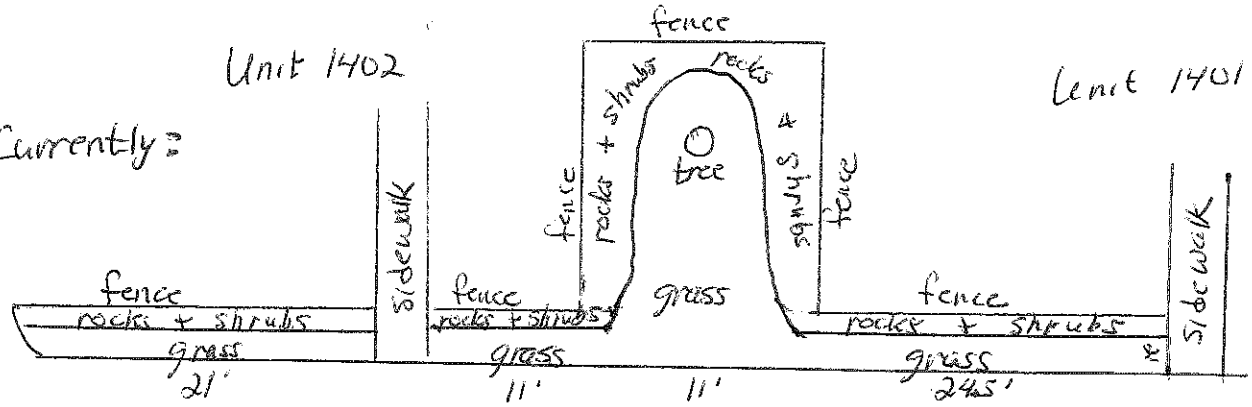

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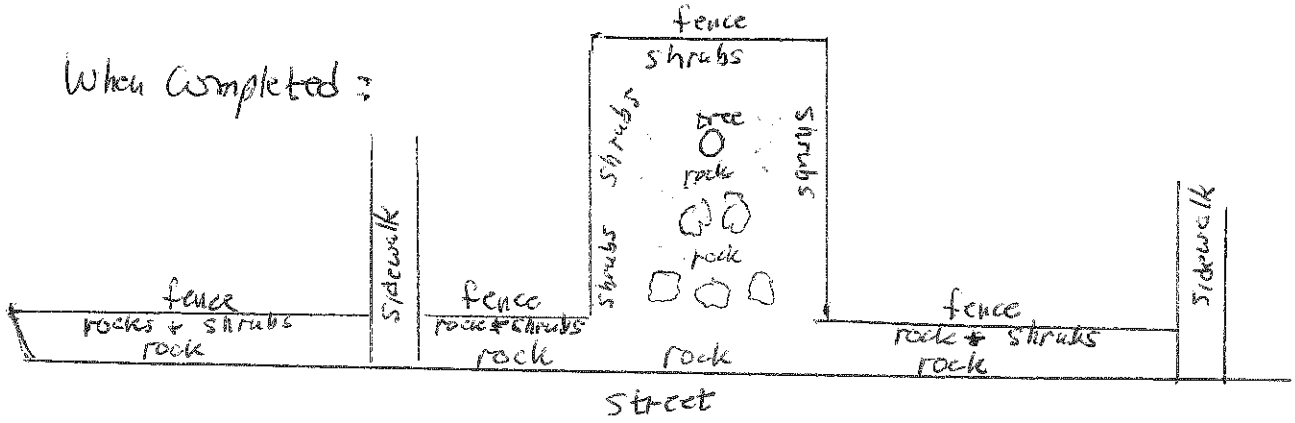
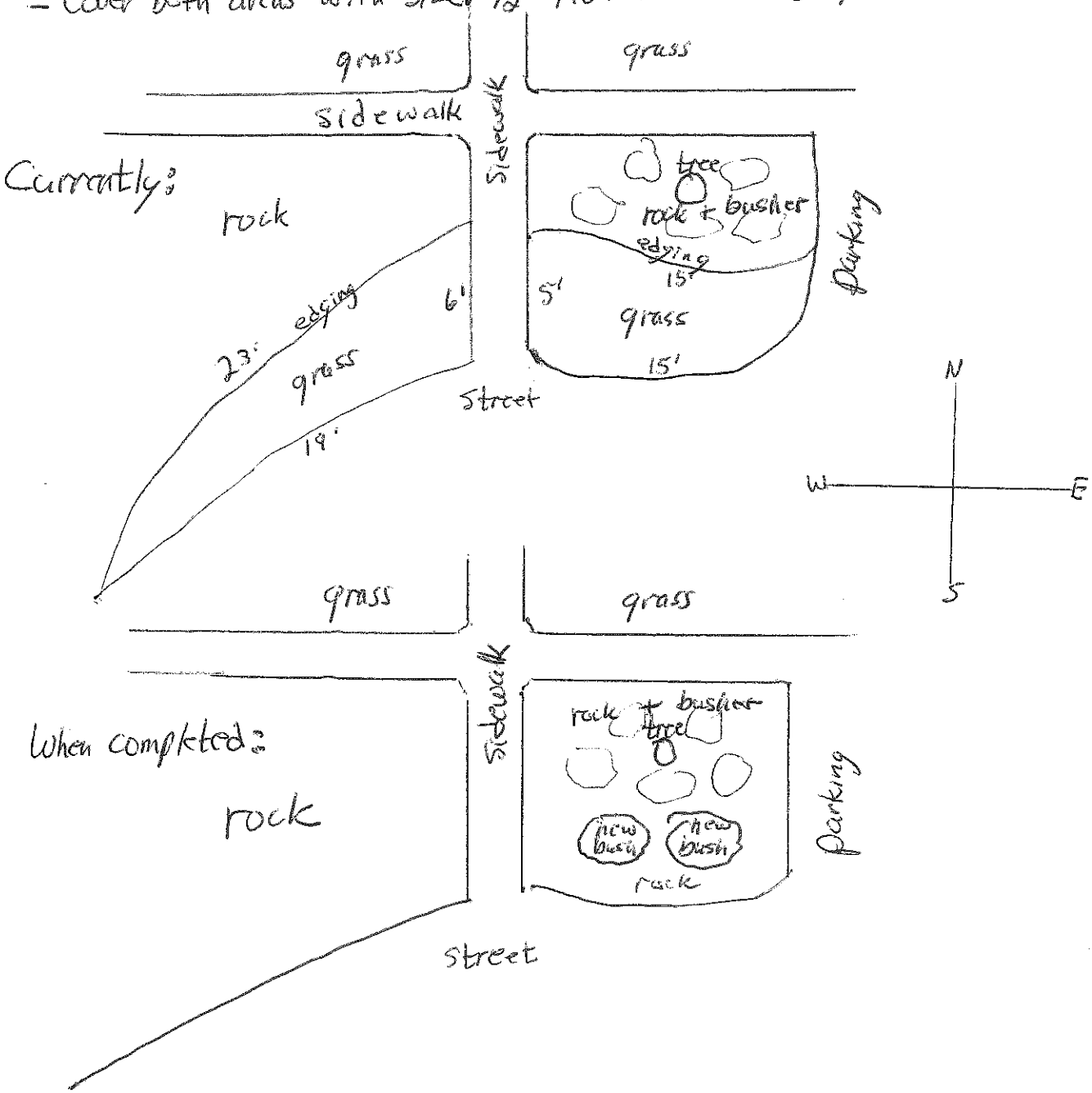


East of Unit 1604, S.W. corner of park.
Currently there are two narrow areas of grass, surrounded by street and rock. Area to left (west) is a snowpile area and so cannot be landscaped. Area to right (east) could be landscaped with rock + bushes to match the area that adjoins it.

- Remove sod from both grassy areas, 3" deep.
- Remove current edging that separates grass from rock.
- Plant 2 Red Twig Dogwoods, size #5 in east space.
- Cap existing sprinkler heads. Extend drip line to new plants.
- Lay landscaping fabric.
- Cover both areas with size 1-1/2" river rock, 3" deep.



South west Corner of Unit 1806.

Currently there is a long narrow area, surrounded by rock and sidewalk, that is supposedly sod but is mostly bare dirt because it is too shaded for grass to grow. When the sprinkler runs, the water turns the dirt to mud and then runs into the drain. A waste of water, and dismal landscape.

- Remove existing 2 shrubs by the fence (they're not doing well anyway.)
- Remove turf to 3" depth.
- Remove edging between turf and rock.
- Cap sprinkler heads
- Plant 3 Alpine current shrubs #5, centered in front of fence sections.
- Extend dripline to new shrubs.
- Lay landscaping fabric.
- Cover with size 1-1½" river rock, 3" deep.

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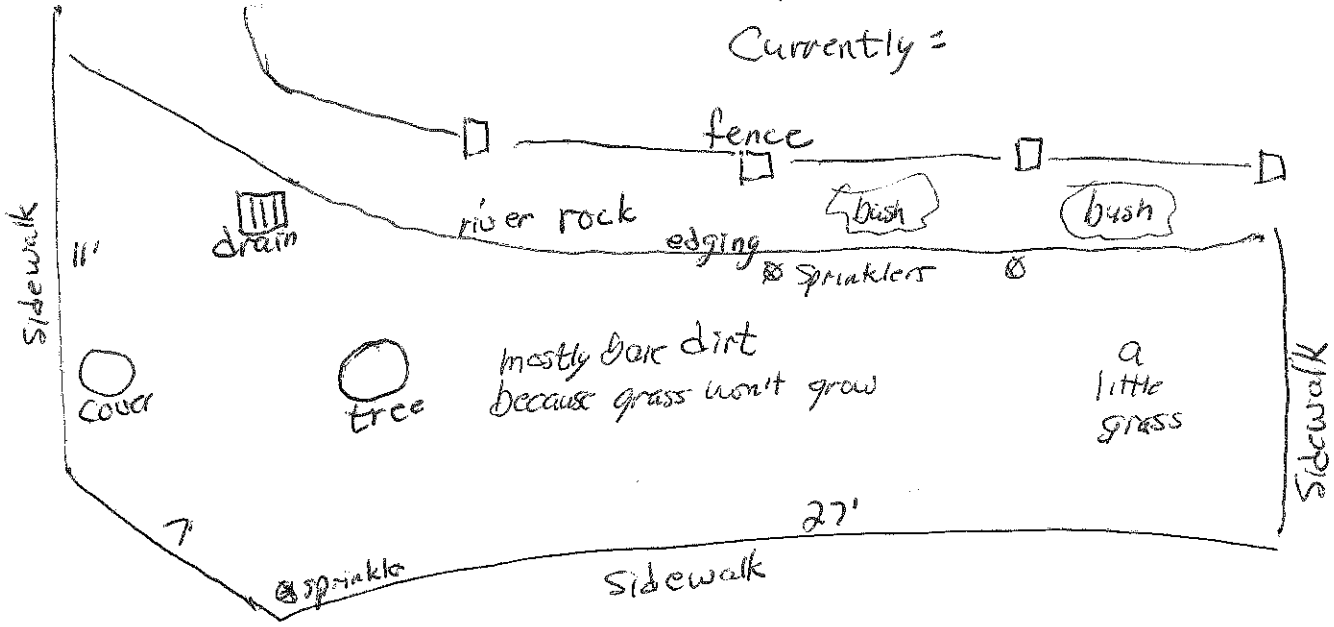

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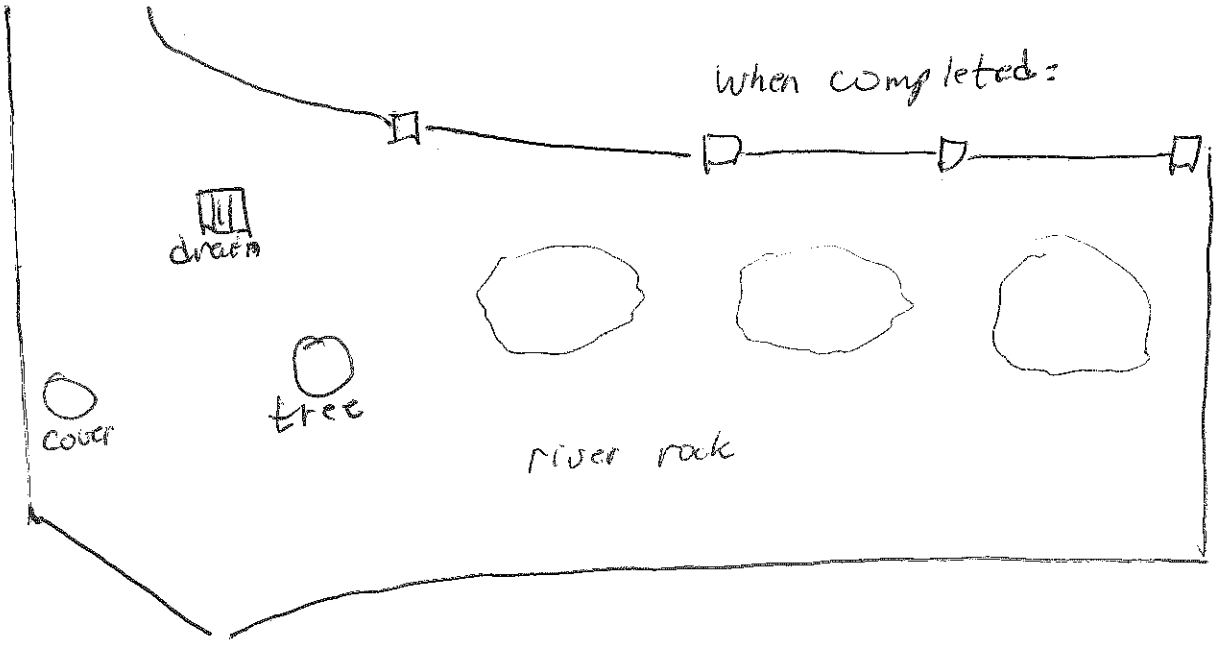

South of Unit 2005, east of sidewalk.
Currently there is a 4' by 28' strip of grass, along the street, which wastes water by overspray onto the street, and looks cluttered due to objects in the grass.

- Remove turf to 3" depth.
- Cap sprinkler heads.
- Remove edging along north edge of sod area.
- Lay landscaping fabric.
- Cover with size 1-1½" river rock, 3" deep.

(In a few years the existing bushes will need to be removed as they are doing poorly. At that time, xeriscape bushes will be planted in both the old and new rock areas and will hide some of the clutter in the newly raked area.)

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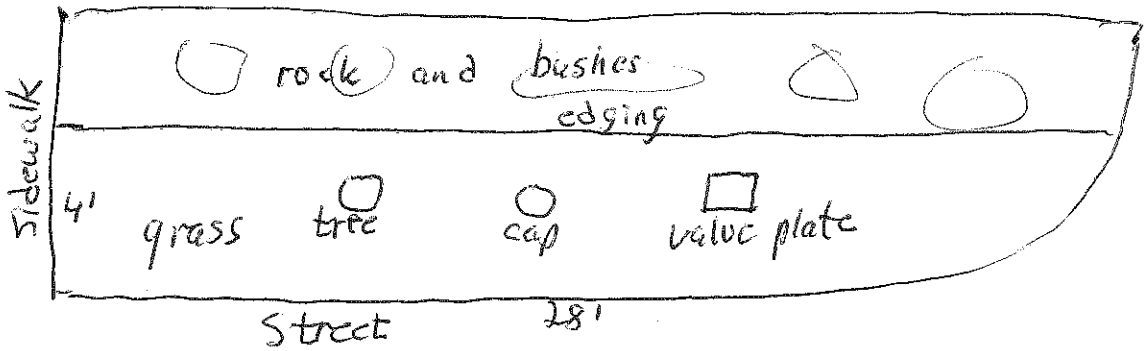

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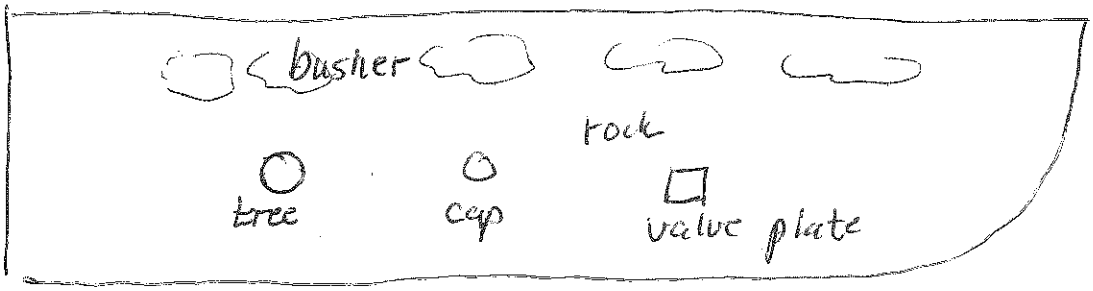

Mailbox area in front of unit 1702.

Currently there is a patch of grass shaded by a tree and blocked from view by the multi-mailbox unit. Serves no purpose, looks odd, wastes water, grass does not grow well due to shade.

- Remove turf to 3" depth
- Cap sprinkler head(s)
- Lay landscaping fabric
- Cover with size 1-1½" river rock, 3" deep.
- Place ½ ton moss rock boulder between tree and mailboxes

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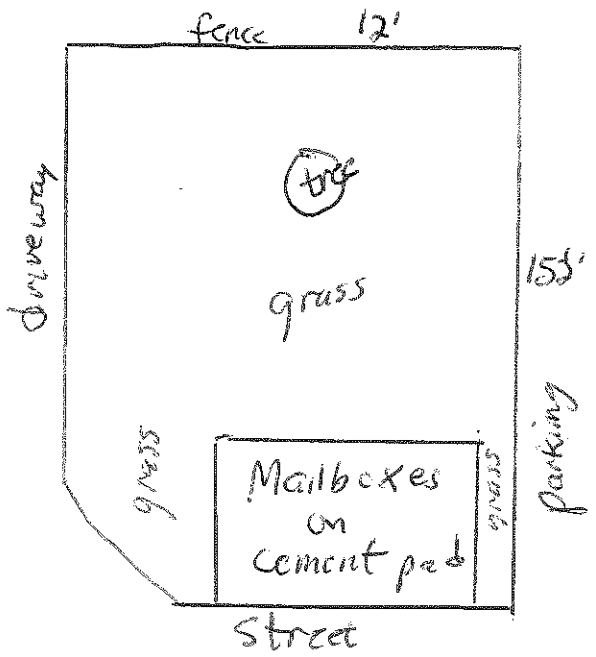

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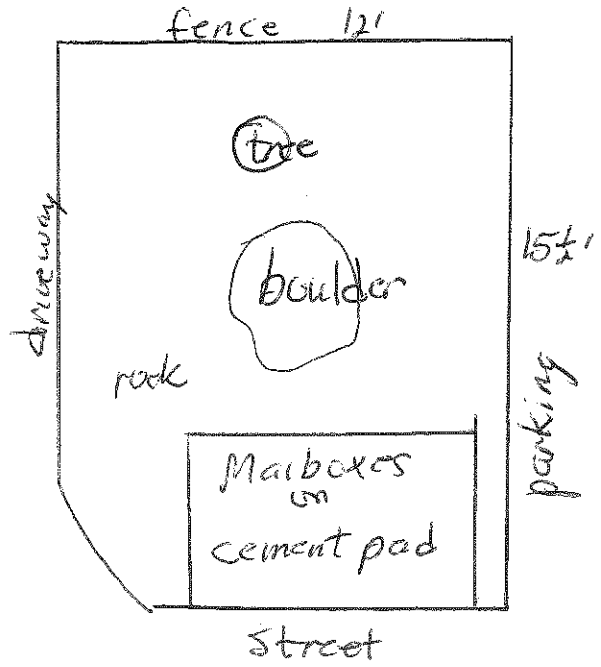
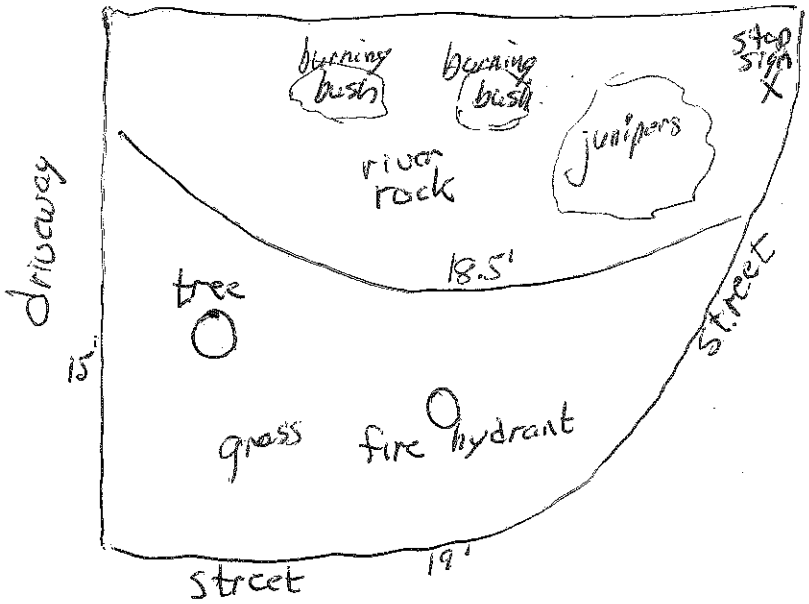


North of garage 1701.

Currently there is a small patch of grass surrounded by street, driveway, and bushes and rock. It serves no purpose, functionally or aesthetically, since its counterpart across the street is xeriscaped with rock + bushes. Plus it wastes water and oversprays onto street.

- Remove turf to 3" depth
- Remove 2 burning bushes and junipers next to stop sign, since they are in poor condition.
- Remove edging between rock and grass areas.
- Cap existing sprinklers.
- Plant 3 Red Twig dogwoods, #5.
- Extend drip line to dogwoods
- Lay landscaping fabric
- Cover with size 1-1½" river rock, 3" deep



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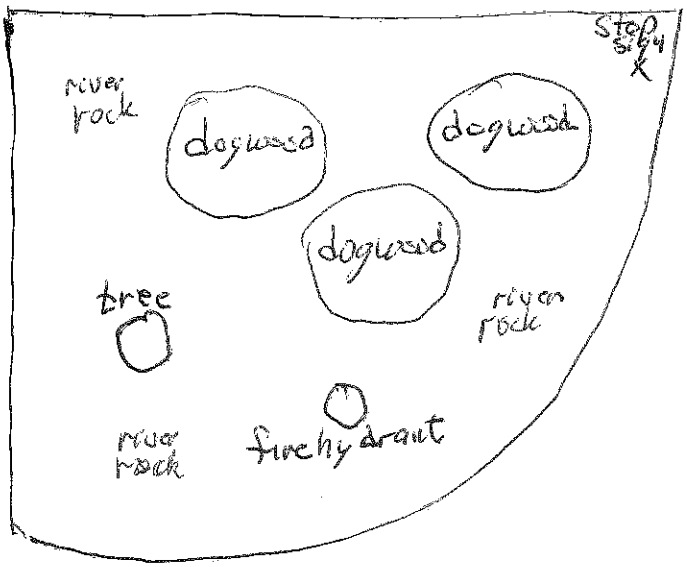
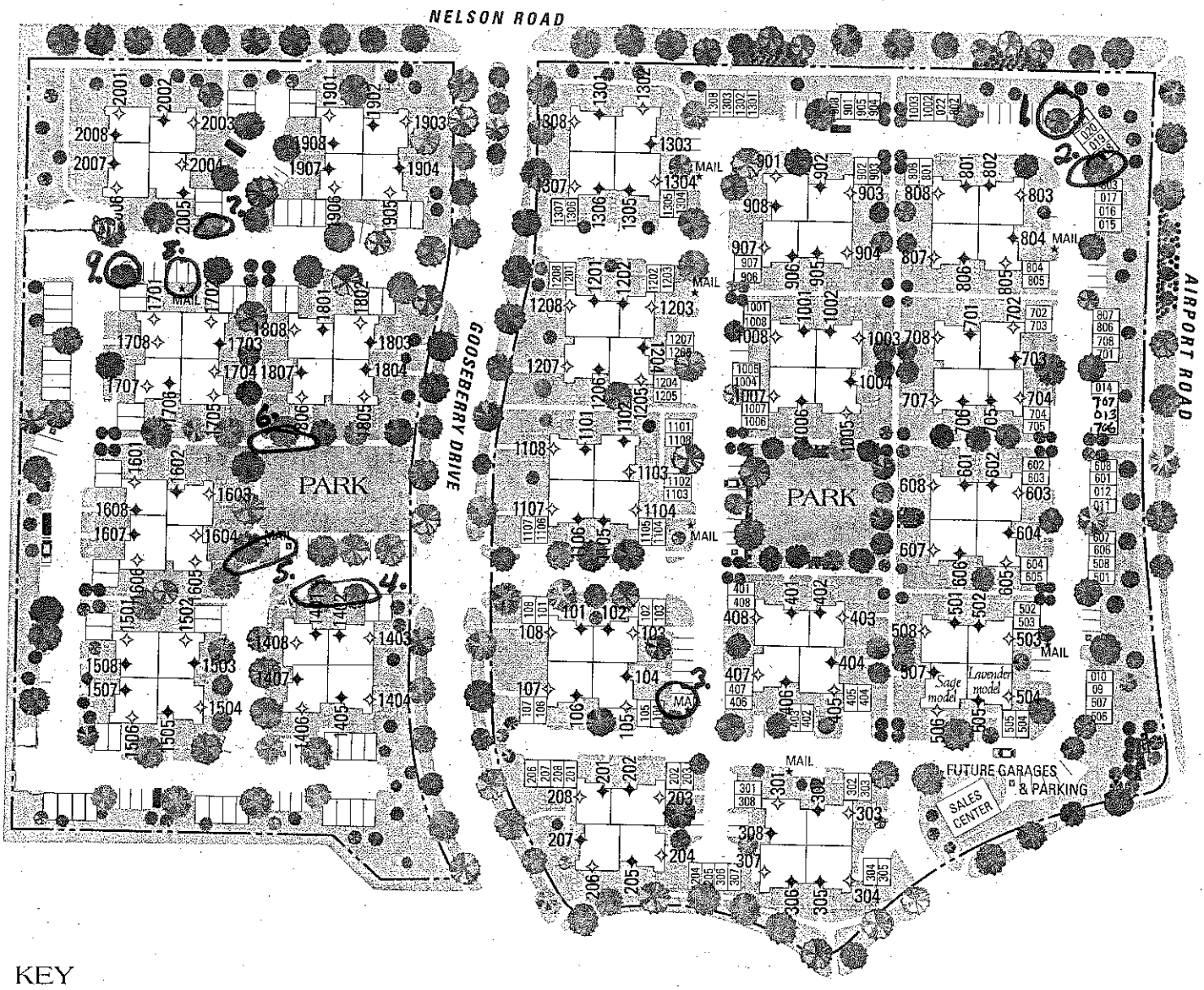


Community Plan



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✧ Upper Level Home
✦ Lower Level Home

Map is artist's rendering only and subject to change without notice.
Actual location of landscaping and street trees may vary from that shown. 6/30/99

Meadowview 7 & 8 Condos

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2015
Neighborhood Improvement Program
Project Intent

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COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Neighborhood Group: Meadowview 7 & 8 Condos Date: 9-23-14

Due date: **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY 5:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

Project Title: Xeriscaping

Project Location: Various locations throughout the condo property.

Amount requestested: $6000

Project Description: Various small grassy plots of landscaping within the condo development are poorly designed, unsightly and water-wasting. We want to redo these areas with xeriscaping. Examples are: Narrow strips of grass where the sprinklers overspray into the street, shaded areas where grass grows poorly, winter snowstack areas, cluttered (with signs, trees, utilities) hard-to-mow areas, etc. The grant would be used to remove turf, cap sprinklers, and lay down barrier and rock. Our HOA would match by buying and installing xeriscape shrubs and plants to beautify the areas.

Will this project impact, or is any part of it in City parks and/or right-of-way (ROW)? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, provide a description of impact and/or placement in City parks or ROW. Please attach a map.

- **If no, attach a map showing the location on private property.**

Is electricity needed? Yes ☐ No ☒

- **If yes describe the electrical components of this project**

Is this an irrigation project? Yes ☐ No ☒ - A de-irrigation project.

A grant requesting any improvements to an irrigation system must have an independent water audit and include audit with the Project Intent. The audit must define a need for conservation and a strategy for how this grant will meet that conservation need.

1. **Independent water audit attached? Yes ☐ No ☐(grant request will not be considered without audit)**
2. **What is the desired conservation outcome and where is that identified in the audit?**
3. **How will this project meet those conservation needs?**
4. **NIP grants cannot be used for maintainance, explain why this is new infrastructure and not maintainance to an existing system.**

Are permits needed for this project? Yes ☐ No ☒

- **Describe what permits are needed for this project**

Are any other City resources needed? Yes ☐ No ☒

- **Describe what additional resources may be needed from the City to complete this grant**

Describe the ongoing maintenance that this project requires and provide the plan to support that maintenance. Provide names and addresses of maintenance contacts (attach additional pages if necessary)

These xeriscaped areas would be maintained (weeded, plants maintained and trimmed by our contracted grounds maintenance crew: Sun & Shade Groundskeeping Inc
P.O. Box 492
Hygiene Co 80533

2015
Neighborhood Improvement Program
Budget

Neighborhood Group: Meadowview 7 & 8 Condos Date: 9-28-14

Project Title: Xeriscaping

Project Budget

Materials/Vendors/Installation:	Request	Match
Remove turf, cap sprinklers, lay down barrier and rock.	$ 6,000	$
Buy and install shrubs and plants, and drip irrigation where needed.	$	$ 2,000
	$	$
Services:		
HOA Board members identify and plan xeriscape beds 12 hours @ $ 10 /hour =	$	$ 120
Sun + Shade prepare estimates + plans for xeriscape beds 10 hours @ $ 40 /hour =	$	$ 400
City Staff Time needed as determined by PW&NR ____ hours @ $ ____ /hour =	$	$
TOTAL	$ 6,000	$ 2,520
TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING MATCH	$ 8,520	
PERCENT OF TOTAL (Match/Request)	70 %	30 %

Estimated Annual Maintainance Costs: No change in maintenance cost — areas previously mowed + watered would now be weeded and plants maintained.

Project Cost Estimate Developed by: The HOA Board and Sun and Shade Groundskeeping.

(Project approval/City staff sign off, and renewal costs to be calculated by City Staff)