

Board of Architectural Review/Planning Board Landscaping Best Practices

A landscaping plan with plant species, location, and number of plants should be provided for all new buildings or structures, new Site Plans, and any Site Plan amendments where existing plantings will be removed or proposed. Below are general recommendations to assist Applicants in the development of their landscaping plans.

1) Plant Species

- a. No landscaping plans should include any plant species that falls onto the following lists:
 - i. Lower Hudson Prism Tier 3 and 4 Species Index:
<https://www.lhprism.org/species-information>
 - ii. New York State Department of Environmental Protection Prohibited or Regulated Species list:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/isprohibitedplants2.pdf
- b. All landscaping plans should consider the inclusion of plantings listed in the Native Plant Resources Guide:
<https://www.townofossining.com/cms/publications/all-documents/environmental-advisory-committee/2281-native-plant-resource-guide/file>

2) Plant Locations – Plantings should be considered in the following locations:

- a. Along the side, rear and front property boundaries to create visual screening and/or curbside appearance.
- b. Along the front façade of a building to enhance curbside appearance.
- c. Any vegetative islands within a parking lot or driveway or buffer strips proposed on a Site Plan.

Note – These are recommendations subject to change and will be reviewed by the Board of Architectural Review/Planning Board upon submission of an application. Introduction of new pests and diseases may also indicate a different planting should be considered.