

Our concerns stem from the inclusion of species that are considered “invasive or aggressive”, and/or are often mis-identified in manicured landscapes resulting in detrimental effects to the natural areas. We understand that minimal maintenance of landscaping is often the goal for commercial properties, so we have only included native species replacements that will assist as an additional seed source for the prairie (promote diversity), are considered low maintenance as well, and in addition are more readily available on the retail market.

Our edits and recommendations are as follows:

Deciduous Trees

Tatarian Maple – Replace with Ironwood – *Ostrya virginiana*

London Planetree – Replace with Sycamore – *Platanus occidentalis (native variety only)*

Princeton Elm – Replace with Hackberry – *Celtis occidentalis*

Lacebark Elm – Replace with Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*

Skyline Honeylocust – Replace with American Plum – *Prunus americana*

Red Baron Crabapple– Replace with Iowa Crab – *Malus ioensis*

Perennials

Dwarf Fountain Grass – Replace with Prairie Dropseed – *Sporobolus heterolepis*

Maiden Grass – Replace with Big Bluestem – *Andropogon gerardii*

KF Feather Reed Grass – Replace with Little Bluestem – *Andropogon scoparius*

Zagreb Tickseed – Replace with Wild Petunia – *Ruellia humilis*

Here is a list of local nurseries who the Forest Preserve District has worked with and area able to provide these species.

Taylor Creek Nurseries

<http://www.appliedeco.com/tcrn/>

Genesis Nursery, Inc.

23200 Hurd Rd.

Tampico, IL 61283

815-438-2220

JF NEW Nursery

<http://www.jfnew.com/nativeplant-nursery.asp>

Midwest Groundcovers/The Natural Garden

<http://www.midwestgroundcovers.com/>

Spence Restoration Nursery

<http://www.spencenursery.com/Index/home.php>

Possibility Place Nursery

<http://www.possibilityplace.com/>

Please let us know if there are any questions or if we may be of additional assistance.

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