

**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 1, 2012

TO: Douglas A. Krieger, City Manager
Marcie Schatz, Director – TED Business Group

FROM: Allison Laff, AICP, Planning Operations Manager – TED Business Group

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item I9 (Walmart) for the October 2, 2012 City Council meeting**

In the staff report issued for Agenda Item I9 (Walmart), staff indicated that the proposed landscape plan was approved, subject to the condition that it be modified in accordance with the recommendations made by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DCFPD) prior to recording. Input from the DCFPD was sought in accordance with the Planning and Zoning Commission's September 19, 2012 recommendation.

Since the staff report was issued, Walmart has indicated that the planting recommendations made by the DCFPD are best used in naturalized areas and are not well suited for hot, dry parking islands and urban spaces. In particular, the trees recommended by the DCFPD are fruit bearing, which is especially problematic in parking areas. In response, the petitioner has submitted a letter detailing their recommended planting changes, which they believe comply with the intent of DCFPD's recommendations, while also being suitable for Walmart's site needs. Staff finds that the Petitioner has made reasonable accommodations in addressing the DCFPD's concerns, while still maintaining plantings that are appropriate for a commercial property as described in the attached letter. Additionally, it is also staffs' understanding that the replacement species proposed by Walmart are sterile, and that the replacement species are also used on other areas of the site in which DCFPD did not note concern of. Based upon the new information received, staff concurs with Walmart's revised plantings and will require that the landscape plan be updated accordingly prior to recording, as a condition of approval.

For City Council's review in advance of the October 2, 2012 meeting, the following items are attached:

1. Updated Agenda Item and Ordinance reflecting new conditions related to Walmart's Landscape Plan; and
2. Letter from Walmart dated October 1, 2012 detailing proposed planting changes.
3. Correspondence from DCFPD.