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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2012 12:59 PM
To: Randee Timms
Cc: Helfert, Katie; Aaron Matson; Scott Meister
Subject: RE: Naperville Wal-Mart

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Randee and Buzz,

Thanks for the open dialog.

As was stated in our comments, we have concerns about the spreading of non-native species into the preserve. We are already fighting an uphill battle every year with the invasive/exotic species we currently have on site, most of which have been introduced via development plantings surrounding the preserve. I understand some of the species listed are considered "sterile or non-reproducing" depending on their variety. Our intent was to eliminate any possible chance of miss-labeling/miss-identifying on behalf of the nurseries who handle large scale projects and provide plants to the retail sellers. This happens quite often. If a trained person is not involved in the receiving and installation there is no quality control and we end up with a potential problem in the preserves.

All that being said,

1. Can you verify for us the species that you consider sterile?
2. The Miscanthus and the Elms need to be replaced. Miscanthus is an upcoming species that will be added to the noxious weed list for Illinois deeming it illegal to sell, because of its aggressive nature. Non-native elms thrive well in this region and continue to be a problem for us. Do you have other recommendations that would fit your design plans, preferably native or non-invasive?
3. We are willing to entertain your recommendations for replacements species, now that you have a better understanding of our concerns.

Thanks again for your time

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Mr. Neidy,

I am sending a follow-up e-mail from my voicemail this morning. I would like to touch base with you on the Wal-Mart site located at 75th Street and Bebee Drive. We have forwarded your comments to our landscape expert and he has