

INDIAN HILLS

PUBLIC AREAS LANDSCAPE DESIGN MANUAL

OVERVIEW

IT'S BEEN ALMOST A CENTURY SINCE 1925, WHEN THE OLMSTED BROTHERS LAID OUT THE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VEECH FARM, RENAMED "INDIAN HILLS". THAT AREA, PLUS THE VARIOUS NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES ACQUIRED OVER THE PAST DECADES, CONTAIN SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NATURAL SITES IN THE COUNTY. THE PLEASURE OF LIVING WITH SUCH SURROUNDING BEAUTY IS NO DOUBT A MAJOR REASON FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL HERE.

OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES, OF COURSE, DUE TO

- MORE POPULATION,
- CHANGES IN NATURE,
- CHANGES IN CLIMATE,
- RELENTLESS USE, AND
- JUST PLAIN OLD AGE – TREES DON'T LIVE FOREVER.

A/S/LM/Q

WE CAN ONLY EXPECT MORE CHANGES IN THE FUTURE. IN VIEW OF THAT, WE NEED TO DO THE BEST WE CAN TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE WHAT WE HAVE ... WITH A MIND TOWARD A/S/LM/Q:

- AESTHETICS, SUSTAINABILITY, LOW MAINTENANCE, QUALITY OF LIFE.

IN OTHER WORDS, EASY ON THE EYE, EASY ON THE ENVIRONMENT, EASY ON THE POCKETBOOK, ALL TO ENHANCE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN INDIAN HILLS.

TOWARD THAT END, WE ARE WORKING ON A "PUBLIC AREAS LANDSCAPE DESIGN MANUAL", A TOOL THAT WILL BE A GUIDING DOCUMENT FOR THE LONG TERM. NOTE THE DOCUMENTS PERTAINS TO **PUBLIC** AREAS, NOT TO PRIVATE PROPERTY. HOWEVER, YOU, AS LAND AND HOMEOWNER, MIGHT FIND SOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS USEFUL WHEN YOU ARE CONSIDERING YOUR OWN LANDSCAPING.

FIRST DRAFT

THIS IS A FIRST DRAFT OF HOW WE WANT TO MANAGE OUR PUBLIC STREETS, INTERSECTIONS, TRAFFIC TRIANGLES, PARKS, WOODLANDS, AS WELL AS ENTRANCES. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- MAINTENANCE WORK: THINGS WE ALREADY DO: MOWING, TREE PLANTING, SAFETY AND NUISANCE MONITORING -- WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON A/S/LM/Q. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, AND CAN ACTUALLY SAVE MONEY THROUGH EFFICIENCY.
- CAPITAL PROJECTS. MAY BE THE PRETTIEST PART OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT ALSO THE COSTLIEST. IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WILL BE DONE OVER THE LONG-TERM, AS THEY WILL REQUIRE MORE EXAMINATION, DETAIL, AND COST ESTIMATES BEFORE WE MAKE THESE MAJOR DECISIONS.

YOUR INPUT

AS THIS DOCUMENT MOVES FROM DRAFT TO FINAL FORM, WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS. PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO CLERK@INDIANHILLSKY.ORG BY SEPTEMBER 22.

CONSULTANTS

FINALLY, INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CONSULTANTS: **BOOKER DESIGN COOPERATIVE** IS A HIGHLY REGARDED LANDSCAPE DESIGN FIRM, WITH GREAT CREDENTIALS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ON LOCAL PROJECTS, AND AN EXPERT STAFF. LOCAL PROJECTS IN THE BOOKER PORTFOLIO INCLUDE A MASTER PLAN FOR OUR NEIGHBOR GLENVIEW, CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.