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## Department Review Needed for REVISED Plans ; 21-25 Grove Avenue

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Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 4:49 PM

To: Dolores Carpinelli <dcarpinelli@veronanj.org>

Hi Dee,

I know this is late, but is it possible to forward these suggestions to Petry?

To: Petry, Abbasi Construction

Please consider the following native alternatives to the ornamental, non-native *Picea orientalis* and *Ginkgo biloba*.

1. For a native, yellow-needled, or pyramidal evergreen alternative to *Picea orientalis* 'Skylands' in New Jersey, consider
  - Tsuga canadensis* 'Golden Splendor' (Golden Canadian Hemlock) for its bright gold color.
  - *Picea glauca* 'Mac's Gold' (Mac's Gold White Spruce): A native species alternative with golden tips.
  - *Chamaecyparis thyoides* (Atlantic White Cedar): A native, narrow, evergreen tree.

These options provide a similar architectural, conical structure to the landscape while supporting local ecosystems better than the non-native *Picea orientalis*.

2. For alternatives to *Ginkgo biloba*, please consider any native Oak tree varieties such as White, Scarlet, Pin, Willow, Northern Red, Black, or Scrub Oaks.

Best regards,

Carol Thomas

Verona Shade Tree Commission

On Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 12:47 PM Dolores Carpinelli <dcarpinelli@veronanj.org> wrote:

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