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## Departmental Review 21-25 Grove Ave, Block 1702, Lot 22

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Wed, Dec 17, 2025 at 9:42 AM

To: Dolores Carpinelli <dcarpinelli@veronanj.org>

to: Zoning Board of Adjustment application

RE: **Case BOA-2026-03 – 21-25 Grove Avenue, Block 1702, Lot 22.**

The Verona Shade Tree commission finds the planting schedule as listed requires correction.

Evergreen like the Ilex, Picea and Juniperus are not available by the caliper/b&b. These are available by the gallon or height.

We also request clarification that 123 Juniperus (eastern red cedar) is correct? The spacing seems inappropriate for the trees when they reach maturity.

We request a change from the red maple to a native oak. Over 50% of Verona's trees are maples. We are discouraging planting anymore than necessary at this point. Native oaks are valuable to the environment. Additionally, flowering dogwood is struggling in NJ. These plans show trees in full sun, which is not ideal for Cornus florida dogwood. Please consider changing to kousa dogwood or another flowering tree such as the fringe tree, *Chionanthus virginicus*.

Carol Thomas  
Verona Shade Tree Commission

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