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**DEPARTMENT REVIEW- REVISED PLANS - Wedgewood Gardens**

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Per Root Landscape Architecture: 17 trees to be removed, 36 should be replaced but only 22 are planned.

The Shade Tree Commission recommends all 36 required trees planted.

Additionally, the two beech trees which are planned need to be replaced with a non-beech native tree from the attached list.

Armstrong maple are columnar trees, they will yield minimal shade. STC recommends another shade tree instead.

Once again, the STC encourages the Wedgewood group to inspect the pine trees in the complex and to provide the township with a copy of the arborists opinion on the deteriorating condition of those trees.

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On Thu, Sep 11, 2025 at 12:59 PM Dolores Carpinelli <dcarpinelli@veronanj.org> wrote:

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**Recommended Plant Selection List**  
**[Amended 1-23-2023 by Res. No. 2023-023]**

**EVERGREEN TREES**

| <b>Scientific Name</b> | <b>Common Name</b>                  | <b>Deer Resistance</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Abies                  | Firs of all upright varieties       | B-C                    |
| Arborvitae             | Arborvitae of all upright varieties | D                      |
| Cedrus                 | Cedars of all upright varieties     | B-C                    |
| Ilex Opaca             | American and other Holly varieties  | A                      |
| Juniperus              | Junipers of all upright varieties   | B                      |
| Picea                  | Spruces of all upright varieties    | A-B                    |
| Pinus                  | Pines of all upright varieties      | A-B                    |
| Taxus                  | Yew of all upright varieties        | C-D                    |
| Tsuga                  | Hemlocks of all upright varieties   | C                      |

\* Deer Resistance Grade A: Most Resistant -- D: Least Resistant

Verona Should recommend the planting of native species over and above any exotic/non-native species.

- a. Native plants in many parts of the U.S. are struggling because of changes in land use, development practices, and climate, posing problems for the wildlife species that depend on them for sustenance and sanctuary.
- b. Native plants promote biodiversity.
- c. Native plants are more adaptive to the local climate and soil conditions and therefore require less fertilizer or pesticides.
- d. Native plants generally require less water and help prevent soil erosion.

\* All newly planted trees should be staked and protected with deer fencing until the canopy grows to a safe height, or after their second growing season.  
 Regardless of deer resistance, many small tree or shrub seedlings can become fodder for deer browsing.

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**RECOMMENDED SHADE TREES (35+ Ft Tall)**

| <b>Scientific Name</b>       | <b>Common Name</b>                                                           | <b>Nativity</b> | <b>Deer Resistance</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Acer Rubrum                  | Red Maple (Armstrong/October Glory)                                          | Native          | B                      |
| Acer saccharum               | Sugar Maple (Columnar, Green Mountain, Momentale)                            | Native          | B                      |
| Aesculus carnea              | Red Horsechestnut                                                            | Exotic          | B                      |
| Aesculus flava               | Yellow Buckeye                                                               | Native          | B                      |
| Betula alleghaniensis        | Yellow Birch                                                                 | Native          | B                      |
| Betula nigra                 | River Birch                                                                  | Native          | A                      |
| Carpinus betulus             | European Hornbeam                                                            | Exotic          | B                      |
| Carya cordiformis            | Bitternut Hickory/Swamp Hickory                                              | Native          | B                      |
| Carya ovata                  | Shagbark Hickory                                                             | Native          | B                      |
| Carya tomentosa              | Mockernut Hickory                                                            | Native          | B                      |
| Celtis occidentalis          | Common Hackberry                                                             | Native          | B                      |
| Cercidiphyllum japonicum     | Katsura Tree                                                                 | Exotic          | B                      |
| Fagus grandifolia            | American Beech                                                               | Native          | B                      |
| Ginkgo biloba                | Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree (Autumn Gold, Lakeview and Sentry-must be male)      | Exotic          | B                      |
| Gleditsia triacanthos inermi | Honey Locust, Imperial, Skyline, Sunburst                                    | Native          | B                      |
| Gymnocladus dioicus          | Kentucky Coffeetree                                                          | Native          | A-B                    |
| Ilex Aquifolium              | English Holly                                                                | Exotic          | B                      |
| Juglans cinerea              | Butternut                                                                    | Native          | C                      |
| Juglans Nigra                | Black Walnut                                                                 | Native          | C                      |
| Liquidambar styraciflua      | Sweetgum                                                                     | Native          | C                      |
| Liriodendron tulipifera      | Tuliptree/Yellow Poplar                                                      | Native          | B                      |
| Magnolia acuminata           | Cucumber Tree                                                                | Native          | B-C                    |
| Morus rubra                  | Red Mulberry                                                                 | Native          | C                      |
| Nyssa sylvatica              | Blackgum, Tupelo Sourgum                                                     | Native          | A                      |
| Platanus occidentalis        | American Sycamore                                                            | Native          | B                      |
| Prunus Pensylvanica          | Pin Cherry                                                                   | Native          | C-D                    |
| Prunus serotina              | Black Cherry,                                                                | Native          | C-D                    |
| Quercus                      | Oak Tree Varieties: White, Scarlet, Pin, Willow, Northern Red, Black, Scrub, | Native          | C                      |
| Sassafras albidum            | Sassafras                                                                    | Native          | B                      |
| Taxodium distichum           | Bald Cypress                                                                 | Native          | C                      |
| Tilia Americana              | Linden: Littleleaf, Chancellor, Greenspire, Rancho                           | Native          | C                      |

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## RECOMMENDED SHADE/ORNAMENTAL TREES (Max. 35 Ft Tall)

| Scientific Name                             | Common Name                                                                            | Nativity | Deer Resistance |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <i>Acer campestre</i>                       | Hedge Maple                                                                            | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>                   | Striped Maple                                                                          | Native   | B               |
| <i>Acer spicatum</i>                        | Mountain Maple                                                                         | Native   | B               |
| <i>Amenlanchier arborea</i>                 | Common Serviceberry                                                                    | Native   | C               |
| <i>Amenlanchier canadensis</i>              | Canadian Serviceberry                                                                  | Native   | C               |
| <i>Asimina triloba</i>                      | Pawpaw Tree                                                                            | Native   | A               |
| <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>                 | Ironwood/Amer. Hornbeam                                                                | Native   | A               |
| <i>Cercis canadensis</i>                    | Eastern Redbud                                                                         | Native   | C               |
| <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>               | White Fringetree                                                                       | Native   | C               |
| <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>                  | Alternateleaf Dogwood                                                                  | Native   | C               |
| <i>Cornus florida</i> white or rubra pink   | Flowering Dogwoods                                                                     | Native   | C               |
| <i>Cornus Kousa</i>                         | Chinese/Korean Dogwood                                                                 | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Cornus Mas</i>                           | Cornelian Cherry Dogwood                                                               | Native   | C               |
| <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>                 | Cockspur Hawthorn                                                                      | Native   | B               |
| <i>Crataegus lavelleii</i>                  | Lavelle Hawthorn                                                                       | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> (cordata)      | Washington Hawthorn                                                                    | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Halesia</i> (Carolina) <i>Tetraptera</i> | Carolina Silverbell                                                                    | Native   | B               |
| <i>Ilex Opaca</i>                           | American Holly                                                                         | Native   | A               |
| <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>                  | Sweetbay Magnolia                                                                      | Native   | B               |
| <i>Malus</i> (crab apple varieties)         | American Beauty, Snowcloud, Pink Perfection, Snowdrift, Catherine Sargent, scheidecker | Mixed    | C               |
| <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>                    | Hophornbeam, Ironwood                                                                  | Native   | A-B             |
| <i>Oxydendrum arboretum</i>                 | Sorrel Tree, Sourwood                                                                  | Native   | B               |
| <i>Prunus americana</i>                     | American Plum                                                                          | Native   | D               |
| <i>Prunus Kwanzan/Kanzan</i>                | Japanese Cherry                                                                        | Exotic   | D               |
| <i>Prunus Sargentii Columnaris</i>          | Sargent Cherry                                                                         | Exotic   | D               |
| <i>Prunus X yedoensis</i>                   | Yoshino Cherry                                                                         | Exotic   | D               |
| <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>                    | Common Hoptree                                                                         | Native   | A-B             |
| <i>Sophora japonica</i>                     | Japanese Pagoda Tree                                                                   | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Staphylea trifolia</i>                   | American Bladdernut                                                                    | Native   | B               |

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RECOMMENDED SHRUBS

| Scientific Names                | Common Names                     | D/E/SE | Flower | Hgt ft.  | Nativity | Deer Resistance |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Aesculus Parviflora             | Bottlebrush/Buckeye              | D      | X      | 6 to 10  | Native   | A               |
| Alnus serrulata                 | Hazel Alder                      | D      |        | 6 to 20  | Native   | C-D             |
| Buxus sempervirens              | Common Boxwood                   | SE     |        | 5 to 15  | Exotic   | A               |
| Ceanothus americanus            | New Jersey Tea                   | D      | X      | 3 to 4   | Native   | A-B             |
| Cephalanthus occidentalis       | Common Buttonbush                | D      | X      | 6 to 15  | Native   | A-B             |
| Chaenomeles japonica            | Japanese Quince Shrub            | D      | X      | 2 to 3   | Exotic   | C               |
| Chamaedaphne calyculata         | Leatherleaf                      | E      | X      | 2 to 5   | Native   | B               |
| Clethra alnifolia               | Summersweet                      | D      | X      | 4 to 8   | Native   | B               |
| Comptonia peregrina             | Sweet Fern                       | D      |        | 2 to 4   | Native   | A-B             |
| Cornus amomum                   | Silky Dogwood                    | D      | X      | 6 to 10  | Native   | B-C             |
| Cornus racemosa                 | Gray Dogwood                     | D      | X      | 10 to 15 | Native   | C               |
| Cornus sericea                  | Redosier Dogwood                 | D      | X      | 7 to 9   | Native   | B               |
| Corylus americana               | American Hazelnut                | D      | X      | 10 to 15 | Native   | B               |
| Deutzia gracilis                | Slender Deutzia                  | D      | X      | 2 to 5   | Exotic   | B               |
| Eubotrys racemosa               | Sweetbells                       | D      | X      | 3 to 8   | Native   | A-B             |
| Euonymus americanus             | American Strawberry Bush         | D      | Fruit  | 4 to 6   | Native   | D               |
| Forsythia intermedia var.       | Forsythia varieties              | D      | X      | 5 to 10  | Exotic   | B               |
| Gaylussacia baccata             | Black Huckleberry                | D      | Fruit  | 1 to 3   | Native   | C-D             |
| Hamamelis virginiana            | American Witchhazel              | D      | X      | 20 to 30 | Native   | B               |
| Hydrangea arborescens           | Smooth hydrangea                 | D      | X      | 3 to 5   | Native   | C               |
| Hydrangea macrophylla           | Bigleaf hydrangea                | D      | X      | 6 to 10  | Exotic   | C               |
| Hydrangea paniculata            | Panicked hydrangea               | D      | X      | 8 to 15  | Exotic   | C               |
| Hydrangea quercifolia           | Oakleaf hydrangea                | D      | X      | 6 to 8   | Native   | C               |
| Hydrangea serrata               | Mountain hydrangea/tea of heaven | D      | X      | 2 to 4   | Exotic   | C               |
| Hypericum prolificum            | St Johns Wort                    | D      | X      | 1 to 5   | Native   | B               |
| Ilex crenata microphylla        | Dwarf-leaved J. Holly            | SE     |        | 6 to 10  | Exotic   | C               |
| Ilex crenata hetzii             | Japanese Holly                   | SE     |        | 10 to 12 | Exotic   | C               |
| Ilex glabra                     | Inkberry                         | E      | Fruit  | 6 to 8   | Native   | B               |
| Ilex laevigata                  | Smooth Winterberry               | D      | Fruit  | 6 to 10  | Native   | B               |
| Ilex verticillata               | Common Winterberry               | D      | Fruit  | 6 to 12  | Native   | C               |
| Itea virginica                  | Sweetspire (Virginia Willow)     | D      | X      | 3 to 8   | Native   | B               |
| Juniperus chinensis glauca      | Chinese Juniper                  | E      |        | 5 to 7   | Exotic   | B               |
| Juniperus chinensis pfitzeriana | Chinese Juniper sea green        | E      |        | 4 to 6   | Exotic   | B               |

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| <i>Kalmia angustifolia</i>          | Sheep Laurel               | E      | X      | 1 to 3   | Native   | A-B             |
| <i>Kalmia latifolia</i>             | Mountain Laurel            | E      | X      | 5 to 15  | Native   | B               |
| <i>Ligustrum Ibolium</i>            | Northern Privet Hedge      | SE     | X      | 8 to 12  | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Lindera benzoin</i>              | Spicebush                  | D      | Fruit  | 6 to 12  | Native   | B               |
| <i>Lycium chinense</i>              | Chinese matrimony Vine     | D      | X      | 3 to 6   | Exotic   | A-B             |
| <i>Lyonia ligustrina</i>            | Maleberry                  | D      | Fruit  | 6 to 12  | Native   | B-C             |
| <i>Lyonia mariana</i>               | Staggerbush                | D      | X      | 2 to 6   | Native   | B-C             |
| <i>Mohonia aquifolium</i>           | Oregon Grape Holly         | E      | X      | 5 to 10  | Native   | A               |
| <i>Morella pensylvanica</i>         | Northern Bayberry/Myrica   | E      | Fruit  | 5 to 12  | Native   | A               |
| <i>Philadelphus; virginalis</i>     | Virginal Mock Orange       | D      | X      | 5 to 10  | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Photinia floribunda</i>          | Purple Chokeberry          | D      | Fruit  | 3 to 5   | Native   | C               |
| <i>Photinia melanocarpa</i>         | Black Chokeberry           | D      | Fruit  | 3 to 5   | Native   | C               |
| <i>Photinia pyrifolia</i>           | Red Chokeberry             | D      | Fruit  | 6 to 10  | Native   | C               |
| <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>      | Common Ninebark            | D      | X      | 5 to 8   | Native   | A-B             |
| <i>Pyracantha coccinea lalandei</i> | Scarlet Firehorn           | SE     | X      | 8 to 10  | Exotic   | B               |
| <i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>            | Alderleaf buckthorn        | D      | Fruit  | 2 to 5   | Native   | B               |
| <i>Rhododendrons</i>                | Includes Azaleas           | SE     | X      | 4 to 15  | Native   | C               |
| <i>Rosa nitida</i>                  | Shining Rose               | D      | X      | 2 to 3   | Exotic   | C               |
| <i>Rosa virginia</i>                | Virginia Rose              | D      | X      | 4 to 6   | Exotic   | C               |
| <i>Rubus oderatus</i>               | Purple Flowering Raspberry | D      | X      | 3 to 6   | Native   | B               |
| <i>Salix discolor</i>               | Pussy Willow               | D      | X      | up to 20 | Native   | C               |
| <i>Sambucus canadensis</i>          | American Black Elderberry  | D      | X      | 8 to 12  | Native   | A               |
| <i>Sambucus racemosa</i>            | Red Elderberry             | D      | Fruit  | 3 to 4   | Native   | B               |
| <i>Spiraea alba</i>                 | Meadowsweet                | D      | X      | 3 to 4   | Exotic   | A               |
| <i>Spiraea x bumalda</i>            | Anthony Waterer spirea     | D      | X      | 4 to 6   | Exotic   | A               |
| <i>Spiraea japonica</i>             | Japanese spirea            | D      | X      | 3 to 5   | Exotic   | A               |
| <i>Spiraea thunbergii</i>           | Thunberg spirea            | D      | X      | 3 to 4   | Native   | B               |
| <i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>            | Steeplebush                | D      | X      | 5 to 8   | Native   | A-B             |
| <i>Spiraea vanhouttei</i>           | Spiraea                    | D      | X      | 8 to 15  | Native   | B               |
| <i>Syringa vulgaris/(alba)</i>      | Lilac and White Lilac      | D      | X      | up to 20 | Exotic   | D               |
| <i>Taxus Varieties</i>              | Yew shrubs                 | E      |        |          | Exotic   | D               |
| <i>Taxus x media densifornis</i>    | Spreading Yew              | E      |        |          | Exotic   | D               |
| <i>Taxus x media hatfield</i>       | Hatfield Yew               | E      |        | 4 to 6   | Native   | C               |
| <i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>         | Mapleleaf Viburnum         | D      | Fruit  | 6 to 15  | Native   | A               |
| <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>            | Arrowwood                  | D      | X      | 15 to 18 | Native   | B-C             |
| <i>Viburnum lentago</i>             | Nannyberry                 | D      | Fruit  | 5 to 6   | Native   | C               |
| <i>Viburnum nudum</i>               | Possumhaw                  | D      | Fruit  | 12 to 15 | Native   | B               |
| <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>         | Blackhaw                   | D      | Fruit  | 12 to 15 | Exotic   | B               |

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| Viburnum tomentosum       | Doublefile   | D      | Fruit  | 2 to 3  | Native   | A-B             |
| Xanthorhiza simplicissima | Yellowroot   | D      | X      |         |          |                 |

D=Deciduous/SE=Semi-/Evergreen/E=Evergreen

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