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DUE 8-14-26 Department Review - Our Lady of the Lake Church

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Ms. Carpinelli,

The demolition plans on page 2 do not show any tree or shrub removals.

Please provide a full count of trees and shrubs slated for removal. This information is common on demolition plans.

Present on the property but not shown on the landscape plan:

- a minimum three maple trees
- a tree located next to the three statues
- five Bradford pears
- scores of 10-20+ ft arborvitae along the church walls
- dozens of full grown evergreen shrubs around the house property
- other grasses, plants and shrubs

The plans show 20 *Acer rubrum* and 8 *Tilia Cordata* in the landscaping plan. The total required replacements must be based on the number of full grown trees removed. This is yet to be counted.

Regarding the replacement species listed, we request a change in the tree counts.

We are asking for a more varied mix of species. Red Maples are overplanted in the area. Please consider mid-sized oaks as a replacement.

We suggest changing the *Cornus florida* to something less common. Dogwoods are also facing increasing pressure from climate change and disease. Seven Dogwoods are planned for full-sun locations. Dogwoods are understory trees, preferring afternoon shade.

The Shade Tree Commission can forward the planners the list of Verona's accepted tree, shrub and grass species.

We look forward to seeing the updated removal plans. We welcome the opportunity to work with Bright View and Our Lady of the Lake on the replanting plans.

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Shade Tree Commission Chair











On Wed, Jul 22, 2026 at 3:56 PM Dolores Carpinelli <dcarpinelli@veronanj.org> wrote:

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