



EAST PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT DISTRICT COMMISION

Date: July 5, 2021
To: Christopher Martin, Executive Director
Topic: East Point Landscape Concept Peer Review

The 6.21.21 Landscape Concept Plans submitted for review illustrate progress on this exciting project but there are of course still questions.

- The east-west road from Roger Williams Avenue is a main circulation for pedestrians as well as vehicles and the RR crossing is still an obstacle. Sidewalks should continue through the crossing area.
- The paths to the river walk from the loop road will be important to circulation and appreciation of the riverfront location. Where they go between houses the space needs to be wide enough so pedestrian use doesn't disturb the home owners and to make a better view and access path experience.
- In the area behind the car barns there are challenging easements, transmission towers and a rough RR fence and vegetation edge but presumably there are opportunities here to contribute to the development's landscape. It has been suggested that there might be path north from the RR crossing through this area, landscaped with native materials complimenting the sense of the coastal greenway.
- Trees are shown in the parking lots but there could be more. Generally, there should be trees to shade the parking lots. Larger shade trees are preferable to smaller flowering trees. There seem to be opportunities in the coastal side central lot, the RR side of the apartment lot and probably others.
- As trash collection areas are located, fence details and planting to integrate them into the landscape should be shown.
- Although probably premature in the design progress, there are preliminary suggestions of light fixture types. It would be preferable if there could be a consistent design vocabulary relating street, parking lot, and pedestrian lighting.

If there are questions please let me know. Of course, I would am glad to meet or talk with Kevin and others on the design team.

Sincerely,

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