PERIMETER LANDSCAPING - RA-1
DISTRICT

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Landscaping along perimeter edges of streets and property lines should either be sufficiently low, or spaced far enough apart, to preserve vistas and a sense of transparency from the street and across site boundaries. Perimeter landscaping should not be used to create privacy screens, or a continuous visual barrier between the street and site. Tall, densely planted hedges or solid fencing for example, are not considered acceptable.

Perimeter landscaping should be environmentally self-sustainable, meaning little or no gardening maintenance necessary. A carefully manicured hedge or shaped ornamental trees for example, would be inappropriate. Selected shrubbery should have a relatively low mature height of approximately 4 ft.

Alternatively, a low lying fence, (e.g., 4 ft. or less) may be used alone or in conjunction with planting to define the property boundary. Perimeter fencing should be open to views across the site and rustic or semi-rural in character.

Perimeter planting that is, or evolves to be, inconsistent with the guidelines, should be removed over time through for example, conditional approvals.

Reference Documents

Southlands Plan
6.0 RA-1 District, Goals
6.1 Policy, Intent, Dwelling and Ancillary to Dwelling Uses

Southlands RA-1 Guidelines
2.0 General Design Consideration
2.2.1 Site Character
7.0 Open Space
9.0 Landscaping