

LANDSCAPING

Background:

Landscape features can form a significant part of the historic character of an area. Landscape materials, such as the use of a specific street tree throughout an area, can establish part of the area of a historic district. Particular trees may be historically significant in themselves. The pattern of landscaping in an area, such as the use of street trees, planting strips and sodded front yards, are also important. Trees, shrubs, vines and irrigation systems also may have a potential for damaging exterior building features and surfaces.

Guidelines:

Specific landscaping features are permitted without review when the proposed landscaping is consistent with that found generally in the historic district. That is, choices regarding the use of trees, shrubs, flowers and location and character of planting beds are not subject to review.

Larger scale landscaping alterations, such as the replacement of sod with concrete, are of concern and will be requires to obtain review approval.

If particular landscape features are deemed by the Board to have historic significance, the requirement for review approval prior to any change in the significant landscape features will be contained in the ordinance designating the landmark.

No landscaping that has the potential for damaging a landmark structure will be permitted. In the event that a dispute exists between the applicant and the Design Review Committee concerning whether a proposed landscape design will damage the landmark structure, the entire Landmarks Board will review the application.

Adopted by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board as administrative regulations
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Peter Pollock, Secretary to the Board