

Staff Review

Comments from BAC Staff Liaison:

Walden Woods II

- Some of the work borders on being maintenance but given the age of the subdivision appears to be a good investment
- Good to see effort for removing invasive species in addition to refreshing plantings
- No natives included in proposed new plantings, but all proposed are fairly standard, inoffensive additions to the landscaping
- No special permits (sign/ROW/etc.) are required for the work being performed

Comments from Landscape Architect:

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- The sign and landscaping is a bit tired, and the serviceberry is underneath the evergreens (not well-designed). There are some cracks in the rock wall. So, although it is pretty much a maintenance thing, I think it has merit.
- It's not clear where the buckthorn is or how much they'll be removing.
- It's not clear where the euonymus is going (it shouldn't be near the woods as it will spread into them)
- None of the proposed plants are native to Michigan (the existing serviceberry is native to MI).
- More shade-tolerant species would be a good idea to get significant flowering (Weigela, spiraea, maidenhair grass do better with more sun). While they're also not native to Michigan, dwarf oakeaf hydrangea, summersweet, or Virginia sweetspire might do better in place of the shrubs they're proposing
- Plan doesn't show positioning of relocated spiraeas