



Landscape Design Guide for Davis Square Lofts

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to lay out some guidelines for landscaping and exterior modifications to properties in the Davis Square Lofts. The intent is to ensure continuity with community values, design aesthetic, and ease of maintenance by current and future property owners. Modifications do need to be approved by the trustees; this document should assist in this process for a common understanding of the strategies.

MATERIALS

PLANTS — AVOID MONOCULTURES AND INORGANIC SYMMETRY

- Propagating Hosta
- Spreading Ivy
- Pachysandra
- Ferns
- Indigenous ground covers
- No invasive species
 - [Please refer to the Mass Audubon Society's listing](#)

MULCH

- Undyed
- Well maintained

STONE AND OTHER INORGANICS

- Natural stone
- Brick matching existing structures
- No fences or signs
- Generally, no “lawn ornaments”
 - Community approved artwork is an exception

MAINTENANCE AND RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

DRAINAGE

The current construction around the building has integrated drainpipes under the topsoil to improve standing water and seepage issues. These must not be tampered with. In many spaces this is covered by stone to improve their performance, this is also not to be altered.

The ground level must also not be altered without review. Meaning you may not install a raised bed without consideration for drainage.

IRRIGATION

Timed irrigation systems are inefficient and to be used rarely as the water cost burden is borne by the entire community. Systems that include a hydration sensor and only water when needed are allowed.

PESTICIDES

Pesticide use is fully prohibited without trustee approval. In a few rare cases it may be necessary to prevent damage from invasive insects, but only in the most needed cases shall we run the risk of damaging the natural ecosystem and the beneficial insect population.

WATER CONTAINERS

Birdbaths, rain barrels, etc. must be properly drained and maintained to prevent mosquito population growth

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

GARAGE ARCHITECTURE

The garage has a rubber membrane across its surface protecting it from severe leaks due to groundwater. this membrane must be protected. Please use extreme care when digging in any of the yards or planting species with deep root structures

PESTS

Please keep in mind that foodstuffs attract animals.

Birdfeeders must be kept orderly and prevented from scattering seeds to prevent pest overpopulation