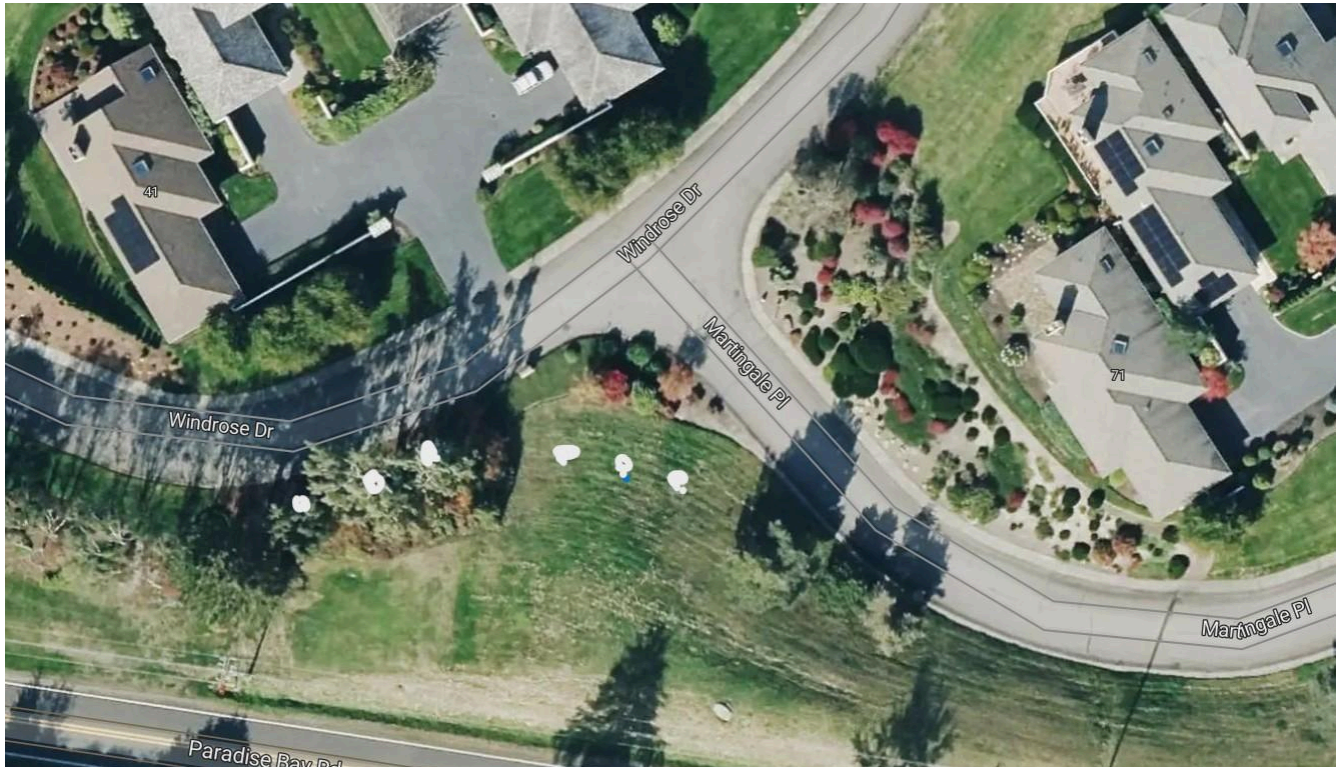


Situation

As a result of the TLA request to remove three birch trees at the corner of Windrose and Martingale, we have come to the point in the process where it is agreed that the three birches may be removed, but BVA also has a responsibility to its members to explain what will replace them in that space.

What we agreed at the October Board Meeting was that we needed to know what were the “next steps” or the “plan” in order to vote on the ARC. **This meeting will hopefully help us define the plan and also vote on the ARC.**



The Plan

I have spoken to Rick and he is of the opinion that we should not replace the trees in the same spot – a small hill with one side mostly bare except for the birch trees and many small but unremarkable bushes. Those trees should be cut off at ground level, leaving the root systems for soil support.

Instead, we should redesign the small hill in a manner similar to the hill on the north-east corner shown here. The three trees would be shore pines or something similar and would be planted on the north side of the hill facing the corner. Positions (approximately) shown as white dots above. Their positions would be designed to continue a line formed by the other pines in the same side farther east. These become the responsibility of the VMC.

What's Important

- Community Input
- Consensus on the plan
- Community notification

Questions

Should we cut the trees now and remediate now?

Should we cut the trees now and remediate later?

Should we cut the trees later and remediate later?

Cutting now – we get the money now, but the hillside will remain unremarkable until we remediate.

When can we replant the small hill?

Why not wait?

When is the best time to plant the new trees?

When is the best time to remediate the hillside.

What are tax implications? Evidently, if we accept funds now and do not spend the money in the same fiscal year, we will have to pay income tax on it.

How should the funding work?