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Cudahy Farms
Landscape Plant Materials
JSD Project No. 22-11874

The proposed plant material for the Cudahy Farms development has been carefully selected to thrive in urban conditions and enhance the local flora and fauna while promoting a natural aesthetic for residents.

The native and adapted native plant species proposed have been chosen to provide essential resources like food, shelter, and habitat for local pollinators, birds, and small mammals, which are often displaced by development. Non-native plant materials will reinforce biodiversity, perform well and support local flora and fauna, to create a safe, inviting, and vibrant environment for residents.

The proposed native and adapted native plants were chosen because of their ability to thrive and perform in urban conditions. However, there are unique microclimates within urban environments that are not always appropriate for native plants. Small spaces between concrete walkways, heavy wet snow loads, parking lots and the south sides of building walls are just a few microclimates that are inhospitable to native plants. Therefore, it is beneficial to selectively use non-native plants that are tolerant of such harsh, urban growing conditions. The proposed non-native plant materials for Cudahy Farms have been thoughtfully selected for their hardiness, aesthetic appeal and ability to support local flora and fauna for years to come.

Overall, the proposed plant palette for Cudahy Farms will contribute to the development's natural aesthetic and promote a healthy ecology, thereby benefiting the local flora and fauna for residents as well as the surrounding community. By integrating these carefully selected plants into the development, the project not only creates a more sustainable habitat for local wildlife but also fosters a greater sense of connection to nature for residents. The resulting approach will lead to an enriched quality of life for the community.

Furthermore, the diversity, functionality and aesthetics of the proposed plant list surpasses that of the existing vegetation while also providing a safe and easy to maintain resident environment.

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