



MOTHER NATURES

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PLANTING DESIGN

This document will walk you through your back yard from West to East describing the plant material we recommend. The vegetation that we chose is hardy to its location, add seasonal interest, has a large range of height and texture variance. We also chose plant material that is low maintenance. We also used as many existing materials (design permitted) so that we could to reduce waste and save money.

For the first small bed that you see as you descend down the back steps we recommend planting a Sutherland Caragana and then replanting Dwarf Norway Spruce (unless they are too large in which case we will plant junipers) on either side of the Caragana. The Spruce adds winter interest because it is an evergreen. The purpose of using the Caragana is that it will give height to help create a screen between your yard and the neighbor's yard, but it is not a big tree and the root system will not need as much space. Below left is a picture of the Caragana surrounded by Junipers. Junipers are another low lying evergreen. The photo on the right is what we will actually plant around the Caragana.



The back side of the yard is extremely exposed to passer by's so we have created a design that will give you more privacy. The West side of the back fence beside the Ninebark we recommend three

Sutherland Caragana which are columnar in shape and will give height and privacy. The Caragana is hardy but has inconspicuous flowers. In front of the trees we recommend planting a row of

German Iris. The German Iris is a hardy perennial that will add texture and color to the space. Below is an illustration of a German Iris this variety is called the loop de loop.



East of the trees we recommend replanting all of your existing roses so that they have a more stunning effect with the mass plant.

We designed into the rose garden a front planting of Junipers to add winter interest and diversity of height.

Next to the rose garden we recommend planting a Cotoneaster not

to be planted as the traditional hedge but instead used as a feature plant with arching branches and vibrant fall color. The Cotoneaster is a viable choice as it is tall enough to add height but not too tall that it will take away the view from the pond. The image on the right is a singular Cotoneaster and the image on the right depicts its vibrant fall color.



Running behind the fire pit we recommend planting a row of five Karl Forester Feather Reed Grasses and then another three on the opposite side of the apple tree. This will look formal and create an enclosed effect for the space. The photo below represents the effect of planting a row of reed grass.



Along the entire back fence I would like to plant four Virginia creepers. This vine will over time cover your entire fence creating a complete privacy screen. This fast growing vine is also beautiful



in the fall creating even more seasonal interest throughout the yard. Below is a photo of the Virginia creeper in the fall cascading over a stone wall and growing on a fence similar to your fence.



Along the fence on the east side of your property I recommend planting a row of Spirea and in front of them another mass planting of Junipers. This repetition of Junipers will give the yard more unity. The spirea is a hardy flowering shrub that will give color in the summer and the fall. The picture below is of a Froebelii Spirea.

