

Landscape Plan. For the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park.

A. Introduction

At the Pre-Consultation Meeting the City and RVCA never asked for a Landscape Plan, as condition for our request to have the Approved Site Plan amended to enable us to proceed with the new developments planned as a part of Phase 1 of the project. Nor was a Landscape plan required for the approved Site Plan. As a matter of fact, the Humanics Sanctuary Site has been intricately Landscaped over the last 20 years as and when it has been developed. Basically, what we can provide is an outline of the extensive Landscaping that has already being done, and the rational basis of the Landscaping that has been done, as our submission for a Landscape Plan.

From a Landscaping perspective, the Land area associated with the approved Site Plan include about 12.8 acres of land of which about 9 acres consists of the forested treed areas, including also about .2 acres of land that the entrance road is located. It excludes about 6 acres of land that is described in the Site Plan as other land belonging to the Applicant. And most of the forested treed areas are primarily within the Ravine areas mostly into the north of the table land of about 4 acres, where in all proposed development will be done in 5 phases.

From a landscaping perspective we could therefore divide the land area covered by the Site Plan, into two areas, i.e.. forested Land Area, and the table Land Area where most of the proposed development take Place.

Attached is a link to the Site Plan, superimposed on ariel view of the site which indicates the Tree covered Forested areas of the Park and the Table Land areas of the Park.

B. Forested Land Areas on the Ravines and near the entrance road:

This area is a vital part of the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park and as indicted in the approved site Plan the area wherein most of the sculptures are located. And its functionality as a part of the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park, will be the primary consideration in landscaping this area of the Humanics Sanctuary.

Considering the fact that one of the Essential values that the Humanics Sanctuary is meant to promote is the "Intrinsic relationship between Human beings and the Natural environment around them, every effort will be made to preserve the natural environment of the Forested Area, subject to the use of this forested area as a Sanctuary and a Sculpture Park. Consequently, we will manage and landscape this area basically as a urban forested Park, and not purely as a Strict Natural Reserve. Being a Park, and a forest area surrounded by rural residential areas, and being part of the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park, providing a safe forest environment for people from all

over Canada and tourist from all over the world to visit, relax, reflect, and heal, will be a fundamental consideration in developing and landscaping this area.

Consequently, leaving the trees shrubs and ground cover in their natural state will be significant consideration in developing this area of the park. This forested environment will also be primarily devoted to promoting the fact that the three essential values that the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park is meant to express and promote are inherent in all major religions in the world. One of the major things that many people visiting the Park has shared with us is that visiting the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park made them more conscious of the fact that the essential values inherent in their own religions, are inherent in all other major religions in the world. And that the Major differences between various religions in the world is the institutional values and rituals that various religions in the world have adorned themselves with, emanating from the cultural, geographic, and historical circumstances where in the various religions in the world evolved. To promote this consciousness and to thus promote greater tolerance and mutual respect among people of various faiths, and racial and ethnic groups in the world is one of the primary objectives of the Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park. And every sculpture at the Humanics Sanctuary is meant to promote some aspect of the three essential values that Humanics Sanctuary is meant to express and promote.

The forested area of the Humanics Sanctuary is also a habitat for various, species of trees, shrubs, ground cover and mushrooms, as well as various animals and birds as well. And we will use this forested area of the park, to make people and particularly school children to identify and appreciate the ecological significance of the various trees, shrubs, ground cover, and animals and birds that live in this environment. Also, we will manage this small, forested area of the Sanctuary, adopting the best environmental and most appropriate forest management practices. And particularly, we will ensure that the area is not unduly cluttered with dead wood that could enhance the prospect of forest fires occurring.

With due consideration of the objectives outlined above, we will adopt a minimalist approach to landscaping in this area. And will only do some landscaping around the sculptures, and only plant trees that are indigenous to the environment of the small, forested area of the Humanics Sanctuary. Presently we have planted about 50 Cedar Trees, at the northern end of the Sanctuary land near the Old Montreal Road, particularly to reduce the noise hustle and bustle of the traffic on Old Montreal Road, And some hostas around two or three of the sculptures in this forested area. Within this forested area there are patches of white and red trilliums. And we will make a special effort to preserve these patches of white and red Trillions and do what we can do to further propagate them. There are also large areas covered with indigenous varieties of ferns as well, and we will also make the best effort to preserve and propagate them as well.

In the entrance road area, we have also planted about another 70 Cedar trees along the eastern border of the site and some 10 hydrangeas, 10 Lilac plants and 50 Hostas, two

geraniums, some tiger lilies and some other perennials bordering the road into the Park, to make the Park attractive to visitors to the park as they enter the Park.

C. Landscaping on the table Land Area where most of the proposed development would take Place

Most of the landscaping we will undertake will be on table land area on the south end of the site. And between two ravines on either site. All the structures we plan to construct in this area is outlined in the Amended Site Plan, which also include a grading plan, and a stormwater management Plan. The phasing of the planned developments into 5 phases are outlined in a separate Plan attached to this submission. This area is being Landscaped to be a beautiful park, with trees, shrubs, and Perennials and annual planted, to make it a beautiful garden park that people can come and relax and if they so wish to have a family picnic.

This whole area has been delicately landscaped over the last 18 years. But a lot of the landscaping has been undertaken in the last two years. Presently, there is around landscaped bed to the west of the road in front of the Sanctuary Building with many perennials, including some Ferns, Rose of Sharon, Peonies, Irises, etc. Just further west of the bed there is a large white pine we had planted some years ago and a bed around it with Tiger lilies and some annuals we plant in early spring. On a bed just north of this round bed there is another flower bed bordering the tree line. Here too we have planted some Lilac, and many other perennials. Behind this bed along the tree line, we have planted about 20 White Cedars as well.

Along the entrance road in front of the Sanctuary building and on both sides of the first Parking lot, we have planted some six large beds of Hydrangeas, that are doing very well with full blossoms almost through out the summer months and extending into the fall. In the two beds on West most corner of this parking lot we have also planted a Crab apple tree, and some ornamental grasses and tiger lilies.

In 2021 spring we planted about 20-year-old Blue spruce trees and about 20 Siberian Crab Apple Trees on the east end of the table land, and about 50 Siberian Crab Apple Trees on the Northeast End of the table lands. And about another 30-year-old Blue Spruce Trees on the North side of the Table land along the tree line border. We have also planted about 20-year-old Siberian Crab Apple trees and about 20-year-old blue Spruce plants also on the North Side of the First Parking lot as well.

Further more we have planted an orchard of 6 apple trees, six pear trees, six Plum trees and six Mulberry trees, between the planned Lodge Building and the Tree line of the Ravine area to the north of the table lands. And a row od strawberry beds, and row of Blueberry beds, and some smaller raspberry beds on the South West Corner of the Table Lands. We also have a small community Vegetable Garden on the south west end of site next to the two containers we have had for some time where in we have been storing our park maintenance equipment in about the last 12 years, long before the Park was opened to the Public.

In conclusion we request that the City accept this Landscaping report prepared by me the undersigned as the Curator of the Park and not require us to submit a separate Landscaping Report to be prepared by a Landscape architect. Also being a Park and a major Tourist Attraction in Ottawa, we will continue to do further landscaping, particularly as and when we grow and able to provide an even a wider service to the community we serve.

D. Conclusion.

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