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**To:** Chairman Donald Serotta and the Town of Chester Planning Board

**From:** Karen Arent, Landscape Architect

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**Subject:** BAZS

**Consultant:** James Dillin, Surveyor

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## COMMENTS:

1. A berm was created close above the loading zone. The berm will need compost mixed in to create a better planting medium.
2. The berm is very close to a large Oak tree over 30" in diameter with signs of rot and decay. This tree should be removed before installation of plant material on the berm. It is very close to the power lines and might be inside Lake Station Road right of way.
3. Evergreen trees should be planted on the berm and spaced 14' apart. A combination of trees should be used such as White Pines and Norway Spruces. Evergreen trees should be a minimum of 8' in height. Evergreen trees 5-6' in height could be planted if they are spaced 10' apart. Large somewhat deer resistant, dense growing shrubs should be planted on the berm, on the road side to fill in gaps between trees. Large growing, deer resistant shrubs include Forsythia x intermedia, Calycanthus floridus, Common Sweetshrub and large growing Pfitzer Junipers. Please note there are large growing Junipers in fairly good condition on a property a little further down on Lake Station Road. The Junipers should be planted in mostly sunny locations. Forsythia and Sweetshrub tolerate partial shade. Shrubs should be a minimum of 24" in height.
4. The buffer of existing plants along Lake Station Road is all deciduous and covered with unsightly and unruly vines. Vines and Rosa multiflora in this buffer should be removed. The area should be maintained to make sure the vines and Roses do not grow back. Trees dead or in poor condition should also be removed. Additional plant material, as necessary, should be removed to allow space for evergreen trees and deer resistant shrubs. Evergreen tree should be planted within the buffer and spaced 14-16' apart if they are 8' in height or more. They can be 5-6' and spaced 12' or so apart. They should be planted in a naturalistic manner among the existing trees and shrubs. Shrubs should be spaced to fill gaps in winter screening and should be 24" in height, minimum.
5. All plants should be mulched with a minimum of 3" of mulch at least 2' from the edge of the tree and 1' from the edge of the shrub.