

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Second Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Chris Gardner, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman and Clerk Ann Scaia

Absent: Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Anthony Baiad and Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Also Present: 3 members of the public.

Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the February 13, 2018 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Senior Burgess Maher. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Jane Sharpe, 62 Underhill Road, Sandy Hook, of the Town & Country Garden Club presented a proposal for a Xeriscaping garden for Island #2 found at the intersection of Queen Street and Glover Avenue. The proposed Xeriscaping requires less watering and accommodates the shaded setting of the island. Ms. Sharpe outlined a two-year plan for executing the new design. Many donations from local businesses have been received to defray the cost. Ms. Sharpe stated funding may need to occur in 2019. Efforts to date and a blueprint of the island are included in these minutes.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston had nothing new to report.

Tree Warden's Report: No report due to Rob McCulloch's absence.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for February 2018: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2016: \$189,621.73; Current Taxes: \$186,386.62; Back Taxes: (\$1,704.02); Interest: \$1,087.02; Liens & Fees: \$192.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$187,725.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$186,386.62 representing 98.2%.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for February 2018, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for March 2018: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2016: \$189,421.40; Current Taxes: \$186,386.62; Back Taxes: (\$1,704.02); Interest: \$1,087.02; Liens & Fees: \$192.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$188,125.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$186,386.62 representing 98.2%.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for March 2018, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the February 2018 report: A \$457.00 deposit was made from Zoning Officer Maureen Crick Owen. A \$800.00 deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez maintaining a total of \$187,725.00. A transfer of \$14,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$61.78 making a total of \$75,152.62.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2018, seconded by Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the March 2018 report: A \$87.26 deposit was made for miscellaneous property tax. A \$400.00 deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez maintaining a total of \$188,125.00. A transfer of \$7,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$113.70 making a total of \$75,266.32.

Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2018, seconded by Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to transfer \$250.00 from Contingency to Auxiliary, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to transfer \$14,853.41 from Sidewalks to Fire Hydrants, seconded by Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from Trees & Maintenance to Legal Fees, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to transfer \$2,509.60 from Street Lights to Legal Fees, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Nothing to report. A replacement is currently being investigated.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Senior Burgess Maher acquired a proposal for engineer drawings for the proposed sidewalk on Rt. 302 from the design firm currently working on the design of South Main Street. The estimate came in at \$65,000.

Streets & Parks: Senior Burgess Maher reported he will acquire a quote from Rob McCulloch to clean up an area on Church Hill Road as you approach The Newtown Bee offices.

New Business: Burgess Eder inquired about the lack of flag at the war memorial monument on Main Street. It was suggested he contact the VFW to discuss replacing the flag and possibly repairing the flagpole. Senior Burgess Maher noted he would assist in having the spotlight put back in working order.

Old Business: Due to the retirement of Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Jim Maher will now take on the role of Senior Burgess and Burgess Betsey Kenyon will now take on the role of Second Senior Burgess. Bill

Eder, of 58 Mt. Pleasant Road, attended the meeting to propose filling the vacancy of a burgess due to the retirement of Joan Crick. He presented his experience and his resume for the Board's review.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to appoint Bill Eder as Burgess on the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses, seconded by Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Warden Gaston swore in Bill Eder after he was voted in as a Board member filling the Joan Crick vacancy.

Budget: Warden Gaston presented the proposed budget for 2018-2019 and line items were discussed individually. Several figures were adjusted and the Proposed Mill Rate for 2018-2019 is 1.49%.

Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to present the proposed budget for approval at the May 8, 2018 meeting of property owners and/or electors, seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

A meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held on May 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held immediately following the meeting of property owners.

There being no further business, Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m., seconded by Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Scaia
Borough Clerk

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: FEBRUARY 2018

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2016: \$189,621.73

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$186,386.62
BACK TAXES:	\$1,704.02
INTEREST:	\$1,087.02
LIENS & FEES:	\$192.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$189,369.66

REFUNDS PD IN PRIOR YRS	\$1,188.70
CURRENT REFUNDS:	\$199.65
CURRENT ADJUSTMENTS	(\$485.66)

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$187,725.00

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$186,386.62	98.2%
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$3,235.11	1.7%
OVERPAYMENTS:	<u>(\$149.32)</u>	
	\$3,085.79	

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2015 AND PRIOR:	\$675.14
CREDIT FROM PRIOR YEARS	<u>(\$19.48)</u>
	\$655.66

DATE:
13-Mar-18

SIGN: _____
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: MARCH 2018

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2016: \$189,421.40

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$186,386.62
BACK TAXES:	\$1,704.02
INTEREST:	\$1,087.02
LIENS & FEES:	\$192.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$189,369.66

REFUNDS PD IN PRIOR YRS	\$1,188.70
CURRENT REFUNDS:	\$199.65
CURRENT ADJUSTMENTS	(\$485.66)

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$188,125.00

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$186,386.62	98.3%
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$3,034.78	1.6%
OVERPAYMENTS:	<u>(\$149.32)</u>	
	\$2,885.46	

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2015 AND PRIOR:	\$675.14
CREDIT FROM PRIOR YEARS	<u>(\$19.48)</u>
	\$655.66

DATE:
10-Apr-18

SIGN: _____
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

Borough of Newtown
Newtown, CT
Monthly Treasurer's Report
For month ending February 28, 2018

Beginning Balance (February 1, 2018) **\$447,550.15**

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
Feb 14, 2018	Tax Collector (YTD: \$187,725)	\$800.00
Feb 14, 2018	Maureen Crick Owen (BZE)	\$457.00

Interest income (February 28 ,2018) **\$17.02**

Total Income **\$1,274.02**

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Feb 15, 2018	Treasurer's Acct (331)	check #254	\$14,000.00

Total Expenses **\$14,000.00**

Ending Cash Balance (February 28, 2018) **\$434,824.17**

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
	Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (February 28, 2018) **\$434,824.17**

12 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814) **\$75,090.84**

Interest income (February 28, 2018) **\$61.78**

TOTAL **\$75,152.62**

Respectfully submitted on March 13, 2018

Paula Brinkman

Borough of Newtown
 Newtown, CT
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending March 31, 2018

Beginning Balance (March 1, 2018) \$434,824.17

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)	Date	Description	Amount
	Mar 15, 2018	Tax Collector (YTD: \$188,125)	\$400.00
	Mar 15, 2018	Frontier - property tax	\$84.40
	Mar 15, 2018	Level 3 - property tax	\$2.86
			\$19.00
Interest income (March 31, 2018)			\$506.26
Total Income			\$506.26

Expenses (checks written)	Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
	Mar 15, 2018	Treasurer's Acct (331)	check #255	\$7,000.00
				\$7,000.00
Total Expenses				\$428,330.43
Ending Cash Balance (March 31, 2018)				\$428,330.43

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
Total Outstanding Checks			\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (March 31, 2018) \$428,330.43

<u>12 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814)</u>	Matures 2/14/19	\$75,152.62
Interest income (March 31, 2018)	Interest: 1.80 APY	\$113.70
TOTAL		\$75,266.32

Respectfully submitted on April 10, 2018

Paula Brinkman

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held at 7:30 PM on May 15, 2018, at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018-19. Estimated Budget recommended by the Board of Burgesses of the Borough of Newtown is hereby set below in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

	<u>Expenditure 2016-2017</u>	<u>Estimated Budget 2017-2018</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2018-2019</u>
ADVERTISING	\$ 1,983	2,500	3,000
AUDIT	6,000	5,900	6,100
AUXILLIARY HELP	4,384	3,000	7,000
BONDS & INSUR.	120	250	250
CULTURAL ARTS	0	2,000	0
CONSULTING	0	0	5,000
CONTINGENCY	3,342	1,500	3,500
DATA PROCESSING	2,414	3,500	3,500
ELECTION	7,500	0	7,500
FIRE HYDRANT	60,783	63,000	64,000
FIRE DEPT	6,500	6,500	6,500
HEALTH DISTRICT	0	10	10
HISTORIC DISTRICT	0	100	5,000
LEGAL FEES	7,500	10,000	50,000
SIDEWALKS	15,650	15,000	5,000
STREET LIGHTS	29,572	28,500	30,500
OFFICE MAINT & S	3,112	3,000	3,500
TREES AND MAINT	6,874	5,000	5,000
SOLDIERS & SAILORS	0	10	10
STREETS & PARKS	10,801	7,000	4,000

	Expenditure	Estimated Budget	Proposed Budget
FLAGPOLE	0	100	1,000
SOCIAL WORK	0	10	10
ASSESSOR	2,250	2,250	2,250
CLERK	4,500	4,500	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR	4,200	4,200	4,200
TREASURER	4,000	4,000	4,000
WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
BUILDNG OFFICIAL	4,000	4,000	4,000
CONSERV. DIR.	1,000	1,000	1,000
ENGINEER	1,800	1,800	1,800
BUILDING CLERK	4,200	4,200	4,200
ZONING OFFICER	5,000	5,000	5,000
TREE WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
PAYROLL TAXES	2,757	3,000	3,000
EDMOND TOWN H	3,500	3,500	5,000
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			100,000
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	\$ 208,742	200,830	354,330
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Revenue Anticipated From Prior Year	\$ 1,000
Building Revenues Anticipated	5,000
Interest	1,000

Total Revenues Anticipated	\$ 7,000

Money to be Raised from Taxes \$ 354,330 - \$7,000 = \$ 347,330

98.0% Tax Collection Rate

$1.02 \times \$347,330 = \$354,276$

\$ 354,276 divided by \$238,554,081 (1000's Grand List – Mill) = 1.49

2018-2019 Proposed Mill Rate = 1.49

Note: Pre-Revaluation

2013-2014 MILL RATE – 0.89

2014-2015 MILL RATE - 0.87

2015-2016 MILL RATE – 0.85

2016-2017 MILL RATE – 0.86

2017-2018 MILL RATE – 0.85

James O. Gaston

Warden, Borough of Newtown

BOARD OF BURGESSES

Betsy Kenyon, Burgess

Joseph M Maher, III, Burgess

Christopher Gardner, Burgess

Anthony P. Baiad, Jr., Burgess

William J, Lucas, III, Burgess

CAREER SUMMARY

Process oriented problem solver with a wealth of knowledge in the delivery of complex business solutions and a record of accomplishments in advertising, print production, publishing, brand management and sales. Skilled at contract negotiation, cost containment & reduction.

An energetic leader and conceptual thinker with excellent oral and written communication skills and a reputation for integrity, quality, strong project management and logistics skills with a team-oriented focus.

Driving/Aide experience:

- July 2014 – February 2016, Education Connection (now EDAdvance), Litchfield, CT, STV driver for special needs students from Newtown, CT
- March 2012 – June 2014, MTM Transportation, Inc., Newtown, CT,
 - August 2013 – June 2014, STV driver for special needs students
 - March 2012 – July 2013, Aide in special needs students' vans/buses
- 1998/1999
 - Drove Part time (weekends) as a "fallback" driver for Regency Limo in Wilton, CT.

Skills/Certifications:

- Ability to get along well with all individuals
- Excellent driver who really enjoys driving
- Red Cross – Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- October 2006 – March 2008 & December 2009 – September 2013, Full Circle Consultants LLC, Newtown, CT, Principal & Owner,
- March 2008 – December 2009, Nordic American Smokeless Inc., Danbury, CT, Vice President, Marketing & Sales,
- 1983 – 2006 -- U. S. Smokeless Tobacco Company (UST, Inc) and concurrently Babco Associates, Ltd. (sub. of UST)
 - 1996 – 2006 –Director, Marketing Services (UST), V-P (Babco) and Publisher, *Heartland USA*®
 - 1993 – 1996 Manager, Marketing Services, (UST); V-P (Babco)
 - 1983 – 1993 – Manager, Advertising, (UST); President, (Babco) and Advertising Manager, *Heartland USA*®
- 1979 – 1983, Warwick Advertising, New York, NY, Sr. Acct. Exec, all brands, U. S. Tobacco Company account,
- 1964 – 1979 William Esty Company, New York, NY
 - 1972 – 1979 - Sr. Acct. Exec, Salem cigarettes account, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company,
 - 1964 – 1972, Assistant Business Manager, Broadcast Production,
- April 1972 – December 1972, Lionel Leisure City, Nanuet, NY, Warehouse Manager, Assistant Store Manager,

EDUCATION

Attended Bronx Community College-evenings-1964 through 1969

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

UST Training:

Leadership Development Program '00; Time Management '02; Coaching Skills '02; Presentation Skills '02; Dialogue Works '02; Selecting the Best '05; UST Team Systems '05

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Proficient in Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®; knowledgeable in Publisher®, Adobe Illustrator® and Photoshop®

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

- Board Member Junior Achievement of Southwest CT 1984-2010;
 - Chairman 1989-1990
 - Vice-President of Applied Economics Program 1985-1986

Meeting with Burgesses of Borough of Newtown
March 13, 2018

Town & Country Garden Club
Traffic Island #2 Team Members:

Jane Sharpe - Island Captain
Project Co-Chairmen
Kathryn Simonds, Peggy Townsend
Lina Williams, Barbara O'Connor

EFFORTS TO DATE

1. The traffic island didn't win a National Garden Club grant this year.
2. We have a two-year plan.
 - A. Increase curb height, loosen soil, add topsoil and amendments, lay out masonry path, scrub and re-paint bench this year.
 - B. Plant shrubs, plants and chips in second year.
3. Watering will be a critical issue in second year.
4. Donations to date:
 - A. Roo Simonds - drafting and architectural support, free
 - B. Planter's Choice - shrubs and flowers, free.
 - C. Tim Wilder, arborist - High-trim and prune trees, free.
 - D. Lenahan Land Clearing & Mulch - wood chips (presently supports island with free mulch)
 - E. Need: masonry and supplies for stone path; also possible machine operator for shrubs, plus asphalt paving to increase curb height (Newtown Highway Department?)
5. Budget: \$2000 -- \$2500 from various sources.
6. Also consider: art/statue.

Xeriscaping

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



The Xeriscape Demonstration Garden at the headquarters of Denver Water in Denver, Colorado.

Xeriscaping is landscaping and gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation.^[1] It is promoted in regions that do not have easily accessible, plentiful, or reliable supplies of fresh water, and is gaining acceptance in other areas as access to water becomes more limited. Xeriscaping may be an alternative to various types of traditional gardening.^{[2][3]}

In some areas, terms as *water-conserving landscapes*, *drought-tolerant landscaping*, and *smart scaping* are used instead. Plants whose natural requirements are appropriate to the local climate are emphasized, and care is taken to avoid losing water to evaporation and run-off. The specific plants used in xeriscaping depend upon the climate. Xeriscaping is different from natural landscaping, because the emphasis in xeriscaping is on selection of plants for water conservation, not necessarily selecting native plants.

Public perception of xeriscaping has frequently been negative as many assume that these types of landscapes are ugly expanses of cactus and gravel. However, studies have shown that education in water conservation practices in the landscape can greatly improve the public's perception of xeriscaping.^[4]

Similar terms

The term **zero-scaping** or **zeroscaping** is sometimes substituted for xeriscaping due to phonetic similarity.^[5] When used seriously, zero-scaping usually refers to a different type of low-water landscaping that is often devoid, or nearly devoid of plants.^{[6][7]} Because the term was derived from the Greek root *xeros*, xeriscaping is sometimes misspelled **xeroscaping**.

Advantages



Cacti are one of the low-water-consuming plants used in Xeriscaping.

- Lowered consumption of water: Xeriscaped landscapes can reduce water use 60% or more compared to regular lawn landscapes.^[8]
- Makes more water available for other domestic and community uses and the environment.
- Reduce Maintenance: Aside from occasional weeding and mulching Xeriscaping requires far less time and effort to maintain.^[9]
- Xeriscape plants in appropriate planting design, and soil grading and mulching, takes full advantage of rainfall retention.^[9]
- Less cost to maintain: Xeriscaping requires less fertilisers and equipment, particularly due to the reduced lawn areas.^[9]
- Reduced waste and pollution: Lawn clippings can contribute to organic waste in landfills and the use of heavy fertilisers contributes to urban runoff pollution.^[10]

Legal issue

Some homeowners associations have strict rules requiring a certain percentage of land to be used as lawns but these rules either have been or are in the process of being overturned in many areas.^[11]

Principles



The Al Norris Memorial Xeriscape Garden in Wichita Falls, Texas

Originally conceived by Denver Water, the seven design principles of xeriscaping have since expanded into simple and applicable concepts to creating landscapes that use less water. The principles are appropriate for multiple regions and can serve as a guide to creating a water conserving landscape that is regionally appropriate and since they were conceived for homeowners they are easy to implement.

1. Plan and design: Create a diagram, drawn to scale, that shows the major elements of the landscape, including house, driveway, sidewalk, deck or patio, existing trees and other elements.^[12]

Once a base plan of an existing site has been determined, the creation of a conceptual plan (bubble diagram) that shows the areas for turf, perennial beds, views, screens, slopes, etc. is undertaken. Once finished, the development of a planting plan that reinforces the areas in the appropriate scale is done.^[12]



An example of Xeriscaping outside the United States Capitol in Washington, DC.

2. Soil amendment – Most plants will benefit from the use of compost, which will help the soil retain water.^[12] Some desert plants prefer gravel soils instead of well-amended soils. Plants should either fit the soil or soil should be amended to fit the plants.

3. Efficient irrigation: Xeriscape can be irrigated efficiently by hand or with an automatic sprinkler system. Zone turf areas separately from other plants and use the irrigation method that waters the plants in each area most efficiently. For grass, use gear-driven rotors or rotary spray nozzles that have larger droplets and low angles to avoid wind drift. Spray, drip line or bubbler emitters are most efficient for watering trees, shrubs, flowers and groundcovers.^[12]

If watering by hand, avoid oscillating sprinklers and other sprinklers that throw water high in the air or release a fine mist. The most efficient sprinklers release big drops close to the ground.^[12]

Water deeply and infrequently to develop deep roots. Never water during the day to reduce water lost to evaporation. With the use of automatic sprinkling systems, adjust the controller monthly to accommodate weather conditions. Also, install a rain sensor to shut off the device when it rains.^[12]

4. Appropriate plant and zone selection: Different areas in a yard receive different amounts of light, wind and moisture. To minimize water waste, group together plants with similar light and water requirements, and place them in an area that matches these requirements. Put moderate-water-use plants in low-lying drainage areas, near downspouts, or in the shade of other plants. Turf typically requires the most water and shrub/perennial beds will require approximately half the amount of water. Dry, sunny areas support low-water-use plants that grow well in our climate. Planting a variety of plants with different heights, color and textures creates interest and beauty.^[12]

5. Mulch: Mulch keeps plant roots cool, prevents soil from crusting, minimizes evaporation and reduces weed growth. Organic mulches, such as bark chips, pole peelings or wood grindings, should be applied 2 to 4 inches deep. Fiber mulches create a web that is more resistant to wind and rain washout. Inorganic mulches, such as rocks and gravel, should be applied 2 to 3 inches deep. Surrounding plants with rock makes the area hotter; limit this practice.^[12]

6. Limited turf areas: Native grasses (warm-season) that have been cultivated for turf lawns, such as buffalo grass and blue grama, can survive with a quarter of the water that bluegrass varieties need. Warm-season grasses are greenest in June through September and straw brown the rest of the year.^[12]

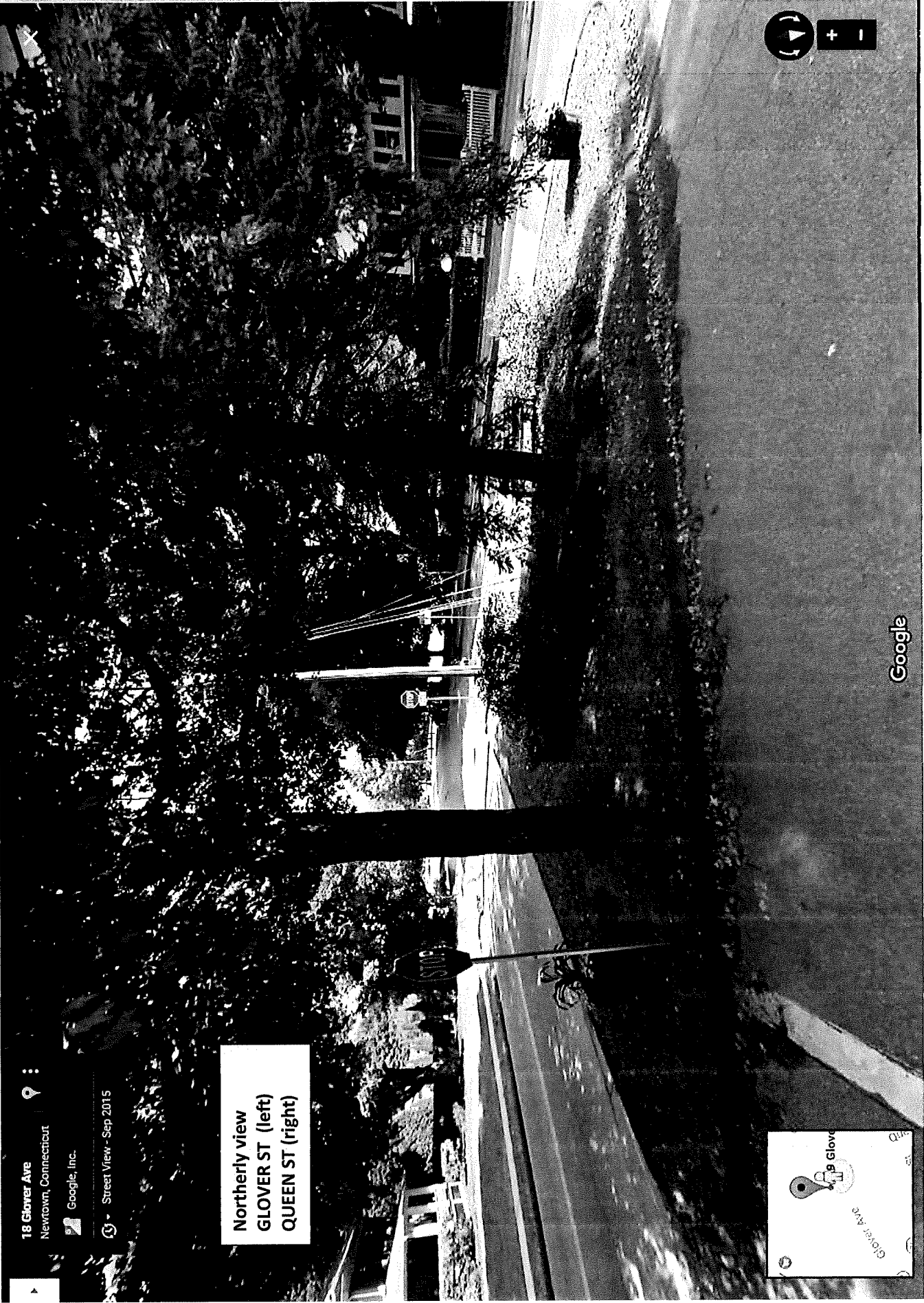
Native grasses (cool season) such as bluegrass and tall fescue, are greenest in the spring and fall and go dormant in the high heat of the summer. New cultivars of bluegrass, such as Reveille, and tall fescue, can reduce typical bluegrass water requirements by at least 30 percent. Fine fescues can provide substantial water savings and is best used in areas that receive low traffic or are in shady locations.^[12]

Use the appropriate grass and limit the amount of grass to reduce the watering and maintenance requirements.

7. Maintenance: All landscapes require some degree of care during the year. Turf requires spring and fall aeration along with regular fertilization every 6 to 8 weeks. Keep the grass height at 3 inches and allow the clippings to fall. Trees, shrubs and perennials will need occasional pruning to remove dead stems, promote blooming or control height and spread. Much of the removed plant material can be shredded and used in composting piles.^[12]

Lawns

One of the major challenges to the public acceptance of xeriscaping is the cultural attachment to turf grass lawns. Originally implemented in England, lawns have become in some regions a symbol of prosperity, order and community.^[13] In the United States turf grasses are so common that it is the single most irrigated crop by surface area, covering nearly 128,000 square kilometres (49,000 sq mi). Despite the high water, fertiliser and maintenance costs associated with lawns, they have become the norm in most urban and suburban areas, even if they are rarely used for recreational purposes or otherwise.^[14] Xeriscaped landscapes offer an alternative to the over use of turf grass lawns but are not widely accepted because of preconceived notions of what it means to xeriscape. Xeriscaping can include lawn areas but seeks to reduce them to areas that will actually be used, rather than using them as a default landscaping plan.



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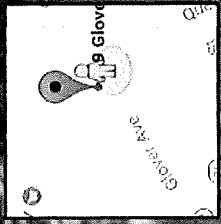


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Newtown, Connecticut

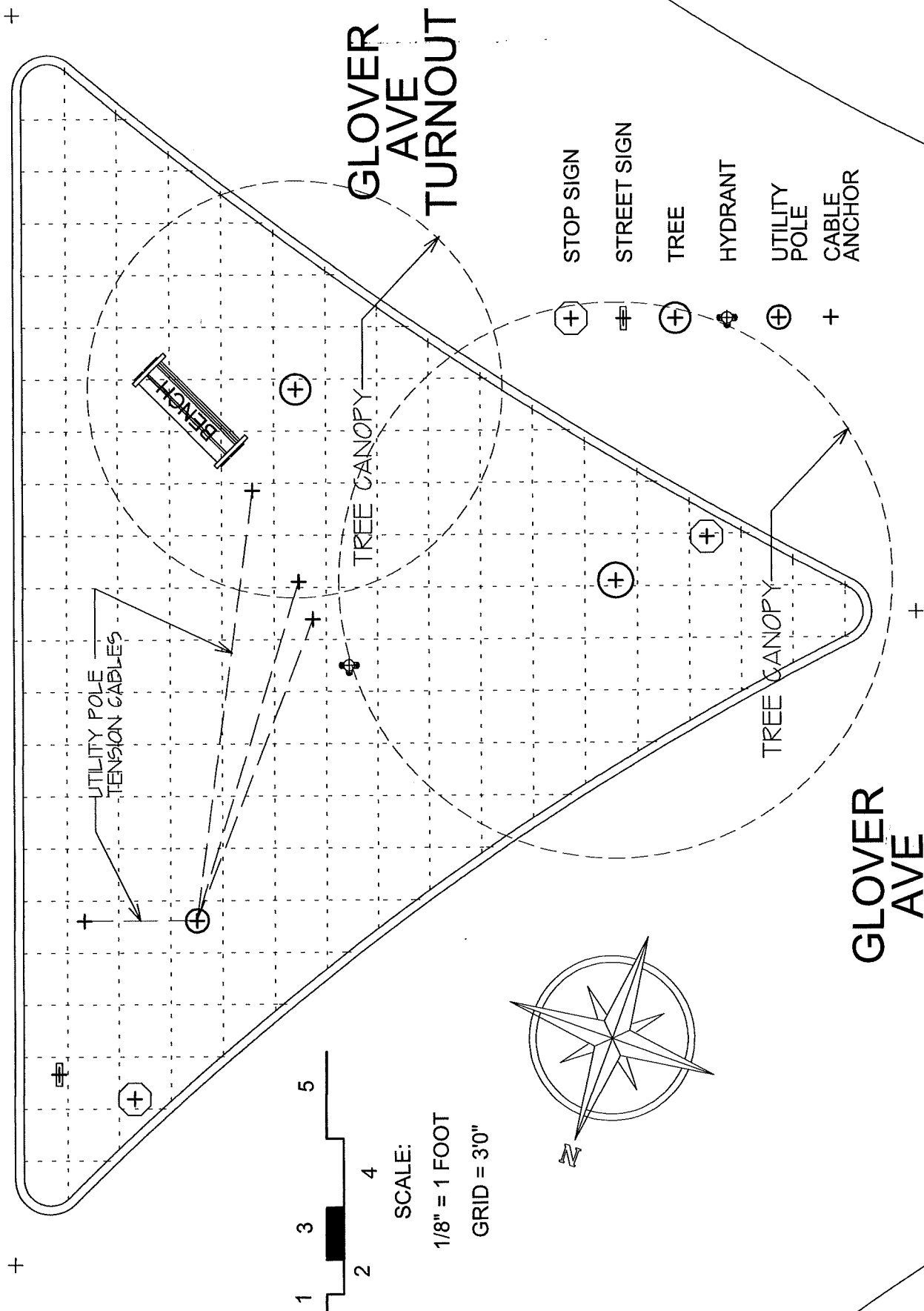


Street View - Sep 2015

Northerly view
GLOVER ST (left)
QUEEN ST (right)



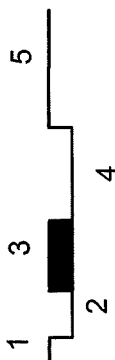
QUEEN STREET



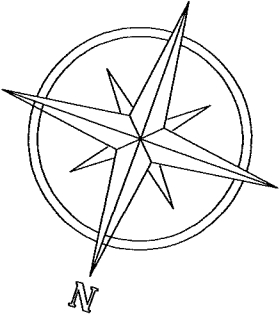
GLOVER AVE
TURNOUT

GLOVER AVE

- STOP SIGN
- STREET SIGN
- TREE
- HYDRANT
- UTILITY POLE
- CABLE ANCHOR



SCALE:
1/8" = 1 FOOT
GRID = 3'0"



Latin Name	Type	Description	Sun/shade	Floral/leaf
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> RED CHOKEBERRY	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/?s=Aronia+arbutifolia 6-10 feet tall, 3-5 feet wide Wet feet Late summer, insignificant flower	Sun	Leaf and berries Other colors
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> SWEET PEPPERBUSH SUMMER SWEET	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/?s=Clethra+alnifolia 3-8 ft tall, 4-6 ft wide WET SOIL Late summer	Heavy Shade	Fragrant, butterfly
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> NINEBARK	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/?s=Physocarpus+opulifolius 5-9 ft tall, trim to ground if necessary Drought tolerant, clay and dry soil Easily grown in average, slightly acidic, dry to medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Best in full sun in the northern part or its growing range, but appreciates some afternoon shade in the St. Louis area. Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. Prune as needed immediately after bloom and no later than mid-August. Plants may be cut close to the ground in winter to rejuvenate. Plants often struggle in the hot and humid summer climates of the deep South in USDA Zones 8-9.	Sun/ part shade	Leaf, Fall foliage Winter interest
<i>Hamamelis x intermedia</i> WITCH HAZEL	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/catalog/hamamelis-witchhazel/hamamelis-x-arnolds-promise/ Drought tolerant 12.00 to 15.00 feet high, 21-15 ft wide	Sun to part shade	Early blooms FRAGRANT Winter interest
<i>Pieris japonica</i> 'Prelude' ANDROMEDA, PRELUDE	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/catalog/pieris-andromeda/pieris-japonica-japanese-andromeda/ 2 ft tall, 2-3 ft wide Well drained soil	Sun to full shade	EVERGREEN April blooms,
<i>Deutzia gracilis</i> 'Nikko' SLENDER DEUTZIA	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/catalog/deutzia/deutzia-gracilis-nikko-spreading-deutzia/ Annual pruning necessary well drained soil Medium water 1-2 ft White flowers "Hydrangeaceae" April to May	Full sun to part shade	Deciduous Showy flower Good fall color
<i>Callicarpa dichotoma</i> BEAUTY BERRY	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/catalog/callicarpa-dichotoma-purple-beautyberry/callicarpa-dichotoma-purple-beautyberry/	Sun to part shade	Blooms summer BIRDS

		3-4 ft tall, 4-5 ft wide Medium water		
<i>Fothergilla gardenia</i> DWARF FOTHERGILLA	SHRUB	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a430 The dwarf variety is 1 – 3 ft tall, regular is up to 6-10 ft Low maintenance Medium water needs	SUN TO PART SHADE	Compact Fragrant flowers early in spring Great fall color Good winter structure
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> MOUNTAIN LAUREL	SHRUB	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=c798 5 – 15 ft high 5 – 15 ft wide Medium water needs <i>State Flower..... perhaps that is more important</i> But alternates come in many color variations of white to candy-striped	Part shade	EVERGREEN State flower Blooms in May EXISTING AT THE SITE
<i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i> DROOPING LAUREL	SHRUB	https://planterschoice.com/catalog/leucothoe-fetterbush/leucothoe-fontanesiana-drooping-leucothoe/ 2 -3 ft tall, 3 – 4 ft wide Low Maintenance, ldoes not tolerate drought or windy conditions	Part sun to part shade	EVERGREEN Winter interest
<i>Rhododendron Olga</i> COMPACT RHODY	SHRUB	http://www.monrovia.com/plant-catalog/plants/4618/olga-mezitt-rhododendron/ 3 – 6 feet, ours is 4 feet tall, there are three Broadleaf evergreen, compact in size. Showy hot pink flower Medium water, acid soil	Part to full shade	EXISTING AT THE SITE (3) Evergreen
<i>Dicentra eximia</i> FRINGED BLEEDING HEART	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=h700 Native Shade Plant Naturalize,	Sun to shade	April to June and Later Part Shade
<i>Epimedium pubigerum</i> BISHOP'S HAT, BARRENWORT	GROUND COVER	https://planterschoice.com/epimedium/ Multiple colors and sizes, 1ft max	Part to full shade	Semi-evergreen, good fall color EARLY BLOOMER

		Works with tree roots		
<i>Athyrium niponicum</i> var. <i>pictum</i> JAPANESE PAINTED FERN	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b640 colorful 1 – 1.5 feet high, 1-2 ft wide low maintenance	heavy shade	Deciduous Naturalizes, but needs humusy rich soil.
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> CHRISTMAS FERN	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=285770&isprofile=0&basic=Polystichum%20acrostichoides 1-2 ft high 1-2 ft wide	Full shade	EVERGREEN Low water
<i>Heuchera</i> 'Plum Pudding' CORAL BELLS PLUM	Mounding Perennial	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=248539&isprofile=0& Prefers humusy soil Medium water low maintenance will spread 1-2 ft tall Colorful Leaf	Sun to part shade	Semi Evergreen Flowers
<i>Asarum canadense</i> WILD GINGER	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b460 low maintenance prefers wet non-glossy leaves	Part to full shade	Evergreen
<i>Asarum europaeum</i> EUROPEAN GINGER	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderComments.aspx?taxonid=276759&isprofile=0& Glossy leaves Part to full shade Fills in	Part to full shade	Evergreen No flower
<i>Convallaria majalis</i> LILY OF THE VALLEY	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=c250 8-in to 1ft tall low maintenance Fragrant April Blooms	Part to full shade	Deciduous Invasive
<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i> YELLOW LAMIAM	GROUND COVER	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=263871&isprofile=1&gen=Lamium <i>golden ded-nettle</i>	Part to full shade	Evergreen Not considered invasive in CT

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