



Neighborhood Vision for Mace River Subdivision Established by the MRR Landscape Committee

Common areas should be nature friendly. This is in keeping with why most residents chose Mace River for their home. Seasonal color in the established formal planting beds is aesthetically pleasing and an important part of the visual appeal of Mace River. The health and vigor of common area trees, turf and ponds is also critical to the natural beauty of the subdivision.

- Use native or location-adapted, drought tolerant plants attractive to bees, butterflies and birds when possible; the Landscape Committee would actively consult with a representative of the Idaho State Botanical Garden in Boise to assist with the execution of this idea as an ongoing project if the proposal is accepted by our developer. This would not replace traditional bed plantings but would be considered an addition where possible.
- Transition the nature area to native perennials and drought tolerant trees; we would encourage a multi-year effort to actively plant sections of the nature area with wildflowers and drought tolerant perennials which would, over time, crowd out the weeds and minimize the need to mow (this is very in keeping with the marketing of Mace River as the 'last best place to be'). This strategy would also address long term maintenance issues in this area. Again, the Landscape Committee would actively assist is this proposal is accepted. ****
The current strategy of mowing is spreading at least one noxious weed, goathead, also known as puncture vine, throughout the natural area.
<http://www.idahoweedawareness.net/vfg/weedlist/puncturevine/puncturevine.html>
- Begin a program to establish aquatic plants to increase water filtering and improve fish habitat in the ponds. The aquatic health of the ponds is critical to their appearance, their ability to support a fish population and attract birds, all of which definitely enhance the appeal of the Mace River Subdivision. If the developer is amenable, the Landscape Committee would consult with entities such as Fish and Game and the Water Garden Society to generate a specific plan of action. (It may be to develop a plan that individual homeowners could pursue if they were interested, as opposed to asking the developer to undertake this.)

The Mace River Ranch Landscape Committee

The Mace River Homeowners Association's landscape committee provides oversight of the common areas to ensure that the grounds are healthy, attractive and in compliance with the Mace River Homeowners Association's governing documents. We strive to promote a sense of community among our residents, and foster communication between residents and our management entities, which ultimately enhances the marketability and value of our neighborhood.

The committee notes such issues as, but is not limited to, the health of trees, shrubs and lawns, the usage of mulch, design of natural areas, the spread of invasive species and the overall appearance of our community. We also work in cooperation with outside resources when appropriate and available.

The committee meets once a month to discuss the above issues relating to the neighborhood.

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