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Attention: Stephen Nease
Newtown Township
209 Bishop Hollow Road
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Dear Mr. Nease,

Reference: Tree Planting in Medians

In reply to your question relating to the suitability for tree planting in medians, I have reviewed the PennDOT Design Manual 2 - Chapter 8 titled "Landscape Planting Design (Roadside Development) which states the following:

"Major trees that can attain a diameter of greater than 4 inches should not be planted in the median area or on the outside of curves adjacent to high speed highways where the cross section permits recovery, usually 30 feet from the edge of traveled way."

Additionally, we have attached an article from Erie, PA reporting on removal of trees within 50 feet of a highway due to the high number of fatalities as a result of vehicles coming in contact with trees in the recovery zone.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eileen M. Nelson".

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Attachment – Erie news article