GUIDELINES INTRODUCTION

The NoMa Streetscape Guidelines provide a set of parameters for the design and use of the right-of-way in the core of the NoMa neighborhood. For several years, NoMa has had two governing documents that provide guidance on how the streetscape should be planned: the NoMa Vision Plan and Development Strategy of 2006 and the NoMa Public Realm Design Plan of 2012. The NoMa Streetscape Guidelines takes the best of these guidelines and adds new elements that will enhance the health, use, and vitality of public space in NoMa.

The NoMa Streetscape Guidelines will fulfill a goal of the 2012 NoMa Public Realm Design Plan to transform each street into a linear park space. Urban centers are frequently inhospitable to trees and vegetation. But, by providing adequate, aerated soil for street trees, these Guidelines will enable the development of lush, healthy street trees and maximize stormwater retention, while the recommended palette of materials will create durable, comfortable places that are urban, civic, and bustling.

The study area that these Guidelines cover includes six primary streets in Northeast DC, running north-south from K Street NE to N Street NE and east-west from North Capitol Street to 2nd Street NE. Patterson Street NE is the only minor street to be included. The Guidelines are applicable not only for these specific streets but other streets in NoMa with similar right-of-way (ROW) dimensions and characteristics.

The specific streets studied establish functional hierarchy, as follows:

First Street NE is NoMa's Main Street and serves as the backbone for the area. Due to its central location, north-south orientation, wide ROW, and broad sidewalks, First Street will be the best example of a great street in NoMa.

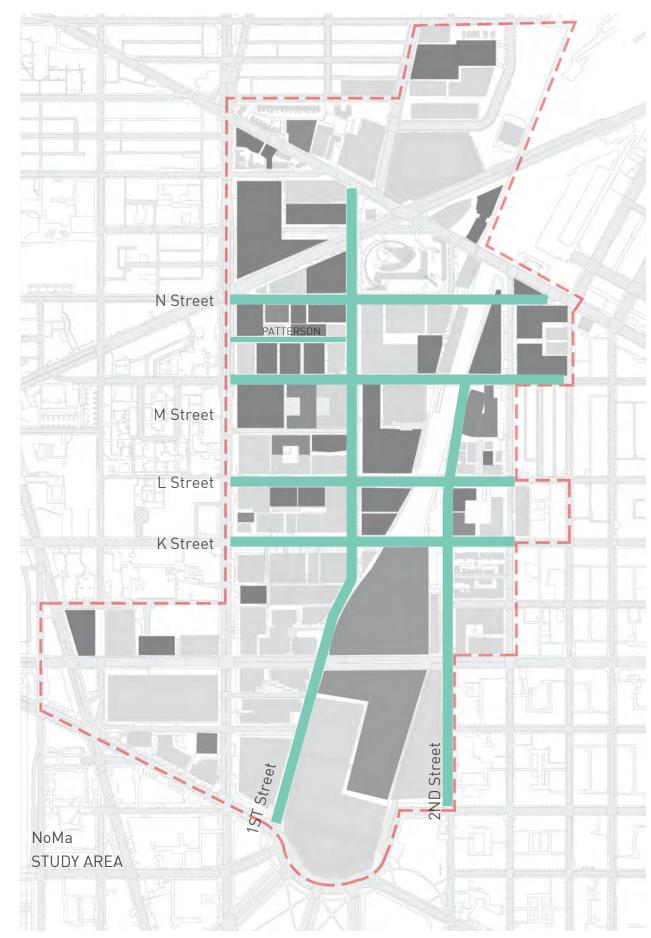
K Street NE is NoMa's widest ROW, which will allow it to incorporate the Guidelines to the maximum extent possible. Thus, it has the potential to become a lush, linear park that can tie both First and 2nd Streets together. K Street is a critical cross street, connecting secondary streets and adjacent neighborhoods to the east and west of NoMa.

L, **M**, **and N Streets NE** are NoMa's most intensely mixed-use streets. They also serve as secondary collector streets that tie NoMa to the east and west portions of the city.

2nd Street NE serves primarily as the north-south link the along the rail yard. It is narrow, and often without setbacks, so it is the most challenging of the streets for implementing the goals of the Guidelines.

Patterson Street NE is a very narrow minor street within NoMa. It serves the same basic function as M and N Streets NE, but with reduced capacity and with parking on both sides of the street.

In the following pages, you will find a set of guidelines for creating great streets in NoMa. Supplemental materials include documentation of the work that was completed to arrive at these guidelines; an inventory of the existing conditions on these streets; and an evaluation of current conditions.



GUIDELINES



STREET TREES AS A LINEAR PARK

GUIDELINES GOALS

Great Streets	Streets are our interface with the city. The experience of the street shapes our understanding and relationship with a place. According to Allan Jacobs, a great street is a "desirable place to be, to spend time, to play, to work, at the same time that it markedly contributes to what a city [or neighborhood] should be."
	Like a park, a great street is physically comfortable, with respites of shade and seating. It feels safe and secure, with adequate lighting and activity at night. It is accessible to all, inviting anyone to occupy it and interact with it. It promotes responsible and sustainable use of resources, including stormwater and waste management. A great street is, in essence, a linear urban park.
Guideline Goals:	The primary design goals for NoMa streets support the creation of great streets in NoMa. They are:
Encourage growth of a large, healthy canopy	Wherever possible, provide the maximum soil volumes so that trees planted in each block can grow to full maturity. Large trees require 1500 cubic feet (CF) of soil, medium trees 1000CF, and small trees 800CF. This single objective will contribute most significantly to the enhancement of the street environment by providing dappled light and shade for maximum comfort.
Enliven street activity	Provide social spaces for outdoor gathering and dining. The incorporation of café seating and other informal movable seating areas are also highly recommended to enhance the quality of the street life.
Provide accessible and easily walkable pedestrian paths	Maintain the minimum required DDOT sidewalk widths. These Guidelines promote a streetscape concept that is no longer bifurcated, but a single generous walkway zone, to provide flexibility and to establish social spaces.
Promote sustainability of urban resources	Permeable pavements allow efficient infiltration of stormwater on site. When combined with systems such as Silva cells (or other suspended pavement systems) that maximize soil volumes underneath pavement for root development, a symbiotic relationship between tree growth and stormwater management is enabled.
Fulfill the Districts Infrastructure Standards	Maximizing soil volumes will better enable each street and block to meet its stormwater management responsibilities.





GUIDELINES GENERAL SUMMARY

Materials &		Street Trees	
Furnishings Building Edges	All streetscape designs shall take into account the adjacent ground floor elevations and uses. Retail uses and residential bay windows may project up to 4' within public space, so it is important that the	Existing Trees	All existing trees within NoMa project area health and vigor. Those in good to excellen preserved and incorporated into the palette During construction, every effort should be preserve existing healthy trees from damag
	minimum DDOT walkway widths for each designated street take these projections into account. Building entrances shall be flush, and sidewalk cross slopes shall be in conformance with ADA guidelines. Residential windows and spaces should be separated or buffered with landscaping or planting beds so that they are not directly accessible from the streetscape sidewalks.	Soils	Soil volumes for large canopy trees require 3' depth. In order to accommodate large tr volume, continuous soil panels or tree trench These Guidelines recommend a compromise
Utilities	It is critical to the successful layout of the streetscape block, as well as street tree spacing and rhythms, that subsurface utilities and easements, particularly those owned by DC Water, are identified, located, and		volumes with the use of permeable pavers of system, such as "Silva cells" to create areas street life and street trees.
	properly surveyed. Trees and furnishings shall maintain the minimum required setbacks from easements, fire hydrants, and streetlights.	Spacing	Street trees shown on the following typical j 30' to 40' on center (OC). DDOT Urban For recommendation is 30' OC for both large of
Typical Block	Laybys are prohibited by DDOT with exceptions for hotels where no on-street parking exists. Step-out zones along tree boxes are only required where there is on-street parking. Maximum and minimum design configurations are defined for the four street types within the Guidelines. This will allow for a range of design possibilities.		trees, in order to best work with the typical important attribute is to plant them so the tre grow together to provide a continuously sho quality of a linear park. DDOT UFA recomm of all small and understory plantings.
Max & Min	Maximum and minimum configurations are provided for the four street types within the Guidelines. Two options are presented within each maximum configuration: one that maximizes paving surface area for	Size	Street trees should be installed at 2.5"-3" correquested by DDOT.
	pedestrian movement and gathering, and one that favors planting surface area for stormwater and low impact development (LID) requirements.	Staking	Staking of the smaller sized trees is recomm trees do not require staking unless they are have persistent leaves that can act as sails o
	Both configurations delineate the areas and amount of soil volumes. Each typical block also provides five diagrams that show the relationships between tree canopy and lighting layout, soil volumes, materiality, planting, and accents. In addition, detailed plans and typical sections are presented for each street type.	Tree Boxes	Each planter bed should be edged on three typical edge restraint detail. The rail should and contemporary in style. (Examples are s p. 7.)
	These Guidelines are applicable not only for these specific streets, but other streets within NoMa with similar ROW dimensions and characteristics.	Understory Trees & Groundcovers	Planting beds should be planted to create of need to be tolerant of a wide range of soil and should be selected for foliage and text should also be native, non-invasive, and low and species. Suggested types include the for Sweetspire (Itea virginica), and native grou (Liriope muscari) and sedges (Carex sp.).

ect area should be evaluated for excellent condition should be a palette specified for the street. Fould be made to protect and damage.

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5"-3" caliper unless otherwise

ecommended. Generally, larger ey are in a very windy area or s sails during the winter months.

on three sides with the DDOT should be approximately 18" high as are shown in Materials Matrix,

reate a lush, full effect. Plants of soil and moisture conditions nd textural contrasts. Plants and low-maintenance varieties e the following shrubs: Virginia re groundcovers, such as lily turf sp.).

Street Trees (cont'd)

Raised Planters

In some instances and locations within the streetscape design, the desire to use raised planting beds should be considered. Raised planters are encouraged in the second row of trees and may be used along with seat walls to help separate seating areas from busy intersections, pedestrian movements, or building entries to create a park-like setting. Raised planters allow the branches of small multi-stemmed trees to be raised above pedestrian walkways. It is recommended that benches be segmented or placed in a manner that will allow sheet flow run-off from the sidewalks to enter into permeable pavings or soil areas of planting or tree beds.

Raised planters are considered non-standard DDOT treatments and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If approved, they will require a maintenance agreement.

GUIDELINES TYPICAL BLOCK

It should be noted that the use of any non-standard material will require approval by DDOT on a case-by-case basis. Approvals will also require the applicant to record a maintenance agreement with the District inclusive of any work required due to any unresolved issues as a result of utility improvements.

DDOT Material Standards	DDOT has set basic material standards for their street design and development, which do not require special review or approvals. The standard or minimum plans shown for each street type within NoMa may use DDOT standard materials and techniques. The maximum plans recommend other materials and techniques that are outside	Maximum Plans: Standard & Non- Standard DDOT Materials	In addition to the Standard DDOT materi minimum plans, the maximum plans introc enriching the palette and functionality of
Minimum Plans: Standard DDOT Materials	DDOT standards.	Pavings	The Guidelines recommend using 4"x8" pavers (comparable to Hanover® Prest® over the horticultural soil areas to aid in S moisture levels and soil nutritional needs. considered non-standard DDOT materials for use throughout the District.
Pavings	The Guidelines recommend the continued use of DDOT standard exposed aggregate paving, established in the 2012 Guidelines, as the dominant non-permeable paving type for use within the NoMa BID. In addition, the standard 3'x3' scored concrete paving may also be used to contrast and accent the exposed aggregate paving where appropriate. Curbs, gutters, and crosswalks will also utilize standard	Furnishings	The Guidelines build on the current mater (Examples are shown in the Materials Ma and use of the stone Burnham benches, to motif of the rail yard throughout NoMa, o
Furnishings	DDOT materials. Standard DDOT furnishings may be used for the minimally acceptable streetscape plans within NoMa, as shown on p. 7.	Soil & Plantings	These Guidelines encourage the use of su systems (see p. 9) for the long-term benef goals. However, there are potential confl easements. DOEE and UFA would like to the benefit and improvement of trees and potential challenges that arise from the p easements.
		Lighting & Special	The use of special lighting such as catenc

Features

should also be considered.

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f suspended pavement nefits of trees and SWM onflicts with DC Water utility to see their use expanded for and soils, however, there are presence of DC water utility

The use of special lighting such as catenary lights, tree up-lights, or other decorative lights is encouraged. Automatic irrigation systems to help with tree and plant material establishment and maintenance

GUIDELINES PROPOSED STREET COMPOSITION & MATERIALS

Street					Dimensions								Materials				Trees	s & Furni	shings		
					Maximum Scenario				Minimum Sce	nario			Maximum Scenario	Minimum	Scenario		Maximum Scenar	o		Minimum So	cenario
	Total ROW	Building to face of curb	Cart Path	Step Out	Permeable Pavers & Suspended Pavement System	Walk	Max. Soil Volum per Canopy Tree	Plant area	Walk	Min. Soil Volume per Canopy Tree	Tenant Zone	Street Light	Walk	Walk	Curb Gu	or Spaced on cente	r Distribution	Size	Others	Spaced on center	Distribution Size O
1st Street	110'	35'	40'	2'6"	21'8"	31'8"	2141 CF	10'	21'8"	1457 CF	5'*	DDOT standard	Exposed Aggregate & Permeable Pavers	Exposed Aggregate	Granite Bri	35'	curb-side row	large	understory trees	35'	curb-side row medium
2nd Street Delaware Av. & Patterson St.	60'	12'10"	30'		12'	12'	1008 CF	4'	8'	747 CF		DDOT standard	Permeable Pavers	Exposed Aggregate	Granite Bri	25'	curb-side row	medium		50'	curb-side row medium
L, M & N Street	90'	30'	30'	2'6"	16'8"	26'8"	1881 CF	10'	16'8"	759 CF		DDOT standard	Exposed Aggregate & Permeable Pavers	Exposed Aggregate	Granite Bri	35'	curb-side row	large	-	35'	curb-side row medium
K Street	150'	50'	50'	2'6"	36'8"	46'8"	1923 CF	15'4"	31'4"	1612 CF	5'*	DDOT standard	Exposed Aggregate & Permeable Pavers	Exposed Aggregate	Granite Bri	35'	double row	large	understory trees	35'	curb-side row large

MATERIAL MATRIX Recommended materials for use in

maximum and minimum scenarios.



*Minimum space provided for the tenant zone is 5 feet. Additional space (a minimum of 5 feet) will be added to the tenat zone where buildings are setback on the groundfloor.

PLANTER EDGING

TRASH & RECYCLING **BIKE RACKS**

BOLLARDS













DDOT STANDARD







DDOT NON STANDARD MICHAEL VERGASON LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, LTD. 7



GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED STREET TREES

All tree selections will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by DDOT to ensure that tree selections meet current UFA arboricultural maintenance and survivability standards

Medium Tree	

Proposed Street Matrix	Recommendations for the streetscapes are divided into four groups, based on the width of the street right-of-way (ROW):		Long lived, 60 years + Moderate rate of growth Naturally open form, spreading canopy t
	60' ROW: 2nd Street NE 90' ROW: L, M & N Streets NE 110' ROW: First Street NE 150' ROW: K Street NE	Small Tree	Deciduous Size: 20-30'+/- Moderate rate of growth Two seasons of interest, with good Fall co
Street Trees	Trees are recommended based on their potential size at maturity, corresponding to the available soil volumes. Based on the District's UFA requirements, large trees require 1200-1500 CF of soil, medium trees 800-1000 CF, and small trees 600-800 CF.	Species	Based on these criteria, it is recommende dominant species to provide a uniform co the street, but also to make sure that each diverse mix of trees. In these instances, a sp.) can be intermixed without adversely
Selection Criteria	The preferred horticultural characteristics for street trees within NoMa shall be based on the following general selection criteria, and for each specific tree type:		the canopy. For example, Overcup Oaks interspersed with Swamp White Oaks (G block. In addition, the overall dominant to light to dark green ranges when the leave
General	4 to 8 USDA Plant Hardiness Zones Adaptable to a variety of soil conditions, pH 6.6 Native or indigenous, if possible Relatively disease free or resistant cultivar		growing season. No hybrid varieties with colored leaves are recommended. Trees a desirable trait for tree selection.
	Strong, withstands winds and ice Easy to transplant		On 2nd Street, Delaware Ave and Patter planting from the palette will give each b yield a more diverse tree canopy in these
Canopy Tree	Deciduous Size: 50-60'+ Park or Campus type tree Long lived, 100 years + Moderate rate of growth		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

CANOPY TREES



London Plane Tree

Platanus acerfolia





Swamp White Oak Quercus bicolor

Overcup Oak Quercus lyrata



Shumard Oak Quercus shumardii MEDIUM TREES



River Birch

Betula nigra







Magnolia virginiana



Black Gum Nyssa silvatica

Serviceberry Amelanchier arborea



Deciduous Size: 30-40'+/-



py tree, with good Fall color

color

ded to select a primary canopy and character to ach street is composed of a a variety of oaks (Quercus ely impacting the character of aks (Quercus lyrata) can be (Quercus bicolor) on the same t tree color shall be within the aves are fully mature during the with yellow, red, or marooned ees with good fall color are also

erson Street NE, a mixed tree n block its own identity and ese sections of NoMa.

SMALL TREES





Oriental Dogwood Cornus kousa



Witchhazel Hamamelis virginiana



Crapemyrtle Lagerstroemia indica

GUIDELINES TECHNICAL APPROACH/ STORMWATER

Streetscapes that incorporate suspended pavements for improved soil and soil volumes are recommended by these Guidelines. To be eligible for additional Stormwater Management (SWM) credits, the following criteria must be met:

1) Tree pits must have water draining to them by either surface sheet flows or infiltration (through permeable paving or other approved means) to capture a contributing drainage area,

2) Soils associated with the trees must have ponding or water collection area, and

3) Soils below the planting areas must have good hydraulic infiltration rates and/or be underdrained.

If all three criteria are met, then the tree planting area will have similar SWM characteristics to permeable pavements and/or bioretention areas and be eligible for SWM credits as such.

DOEE will review all plans on a case-by-case basis to allocate credits appropriately.

HORTICULTURAL PLANTING SOIL



GUIDELINES TYPICAL BLOCK

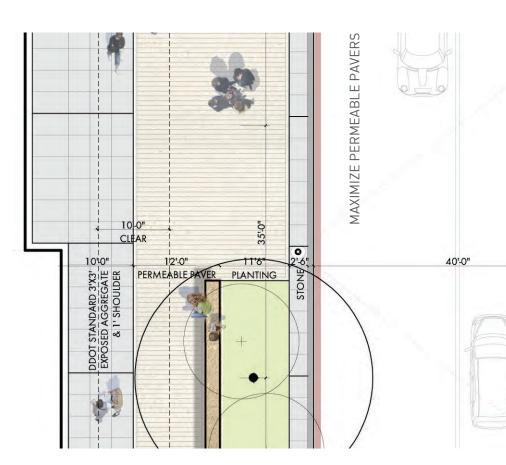


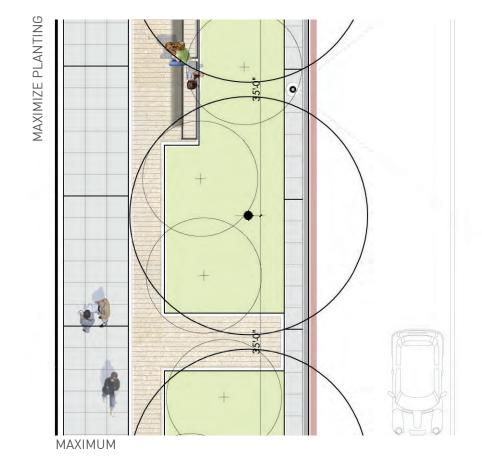
GUIDELINES FIRST STREET TYPICAL BLOCK

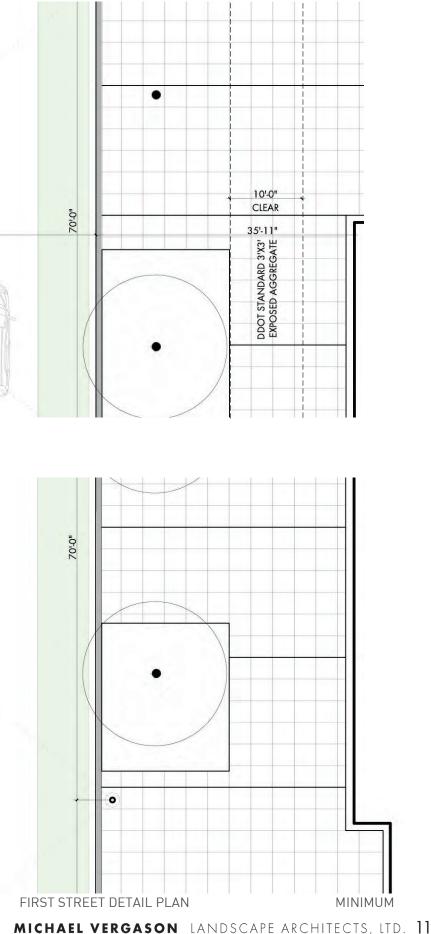
NoMa's Main Street As NoMa's central spine and connector, First Street NE can be the catalyst for the development of NoMa's linear park system. Given its total width and the minimum DDOT pedestrian zone of 10', this street has the potential to incorporate all of the design goals.

- Minimum Plan This plan delineates the minimum soil volume required for the establishment of medium sized trees. In order to obtain acceptable minimal canopy coverage, at least seven trees will need to be planted on a typical block face. Standard DDOT exposed aggregate concrete is the primary paving material proposed for a block meeting the minimum plan.
- Maximum PlansTwo options for maximum growth are delineated for First Street
NE. For both options, soil volumes are proposed that will allow
the establishment of seven to eight large canopy trees as well as
understory trees within full beds of lush plantings. The establishment of
a single row of large species street trees spaced 35' on center along
with understory trees will not only promote the street as a linear park
but also provide numerous opportunities for the creation of intimate
spaces.
- Max. Scenario 1 This option prioritizes more paved surface area for pedestrian movement or social gathering over planting areas. In order to accomplish this and maintain the soil volumes to accommodate large street trees, we recommend the use of permeable pavers placed on Silva cells (or other suspended pavement systems). This system provides growing conditions that support larger and healthier trees. Pairing suspended pavement systems with maximum soils will also serve to fulfill DOEE SWM requirements, resulting in a win-win combination.
- Max. Scenario 2 Scenario 2 maximizes the amount of planting area within a typical block for a lush landscape effect. Planted beds can serve as rain gardens and low impact development (LID) planters as site conditions and DOEE requirements warrant.

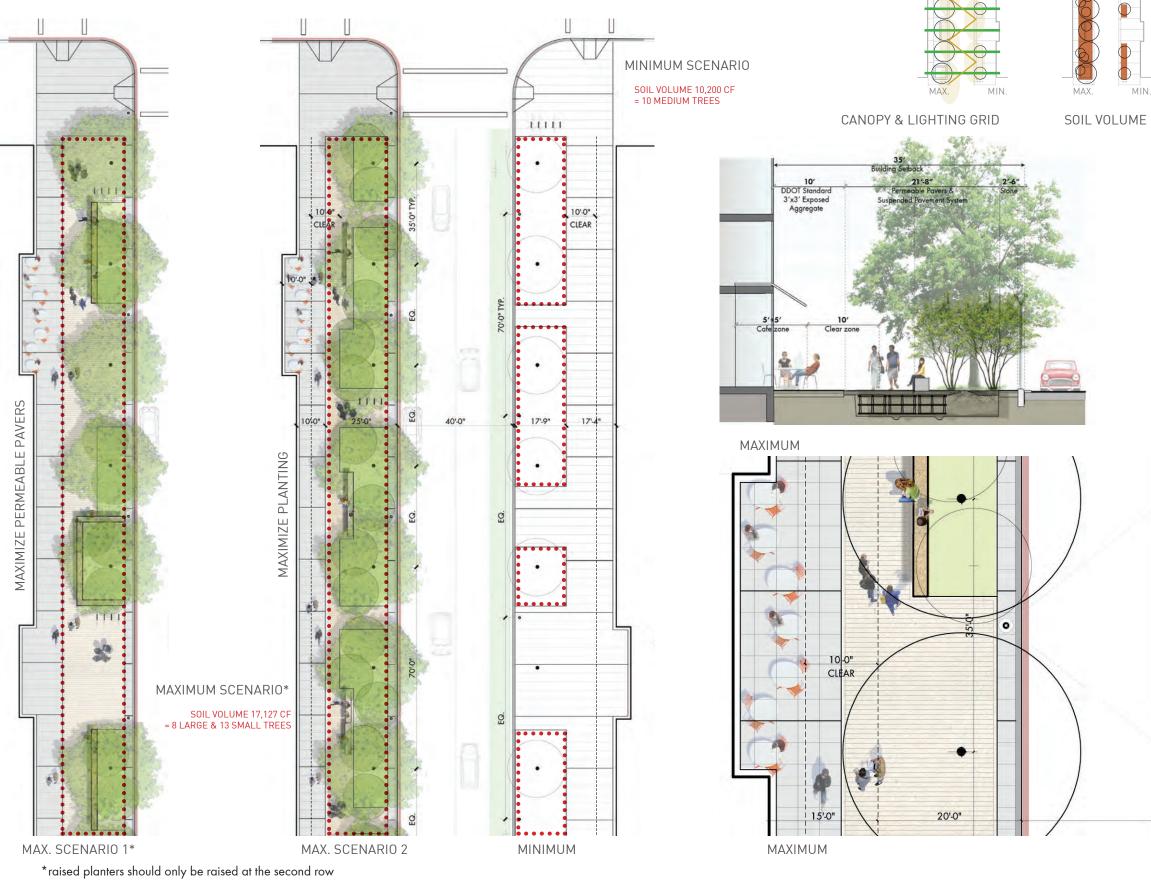
Both maximum options show a typical 2.5' stone step-off zone and raised planters (at the second row of trees) at seat height to provide informal seating and social gathering spaces and accentuate and enliven entry areas. We recommend standard Washington Globe light fixtures, spaced at 70' on center, the typical street tree module. Sections and detail plans show the typical condition of each option.







GUIDELINES FIRST STREET TYPICAL BLOCK



of trees



GUIDELINES K STREET TYPICAL BLOCK

NoMa's Linear Park K Street NE is NoMa's widest street. At 150 linear feet, with a 15' pedestrian zone, it is wide enough to incorporate the Guidelines to the maximum extent. Thus, it has the potential to become a lush, linear park.

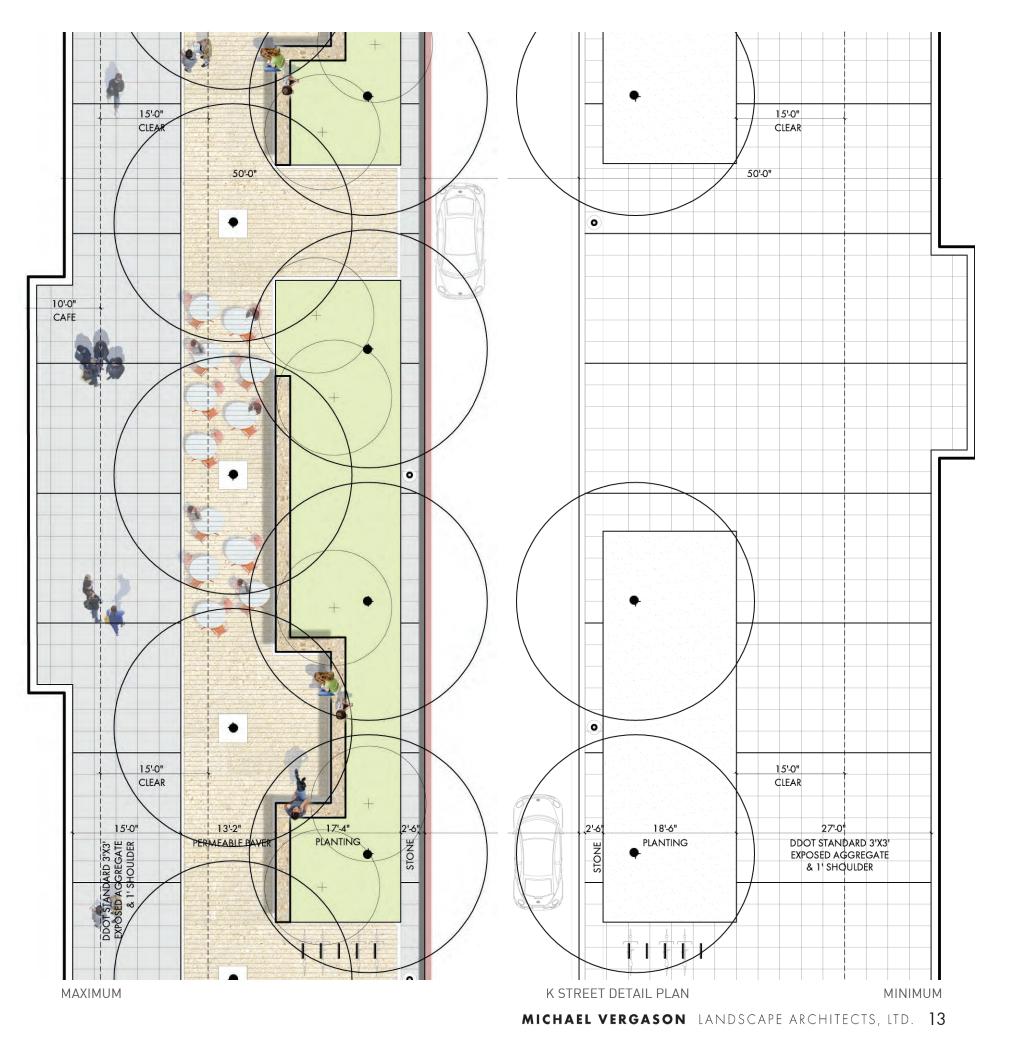
K Street NE is a critical cross street, connecting secondary streets and adjacent neighborhoods to the east and west of NoMa. The only drawback to short-term implementation is that a few block faces have been developed in recent years, in accordance with past design guidelines.

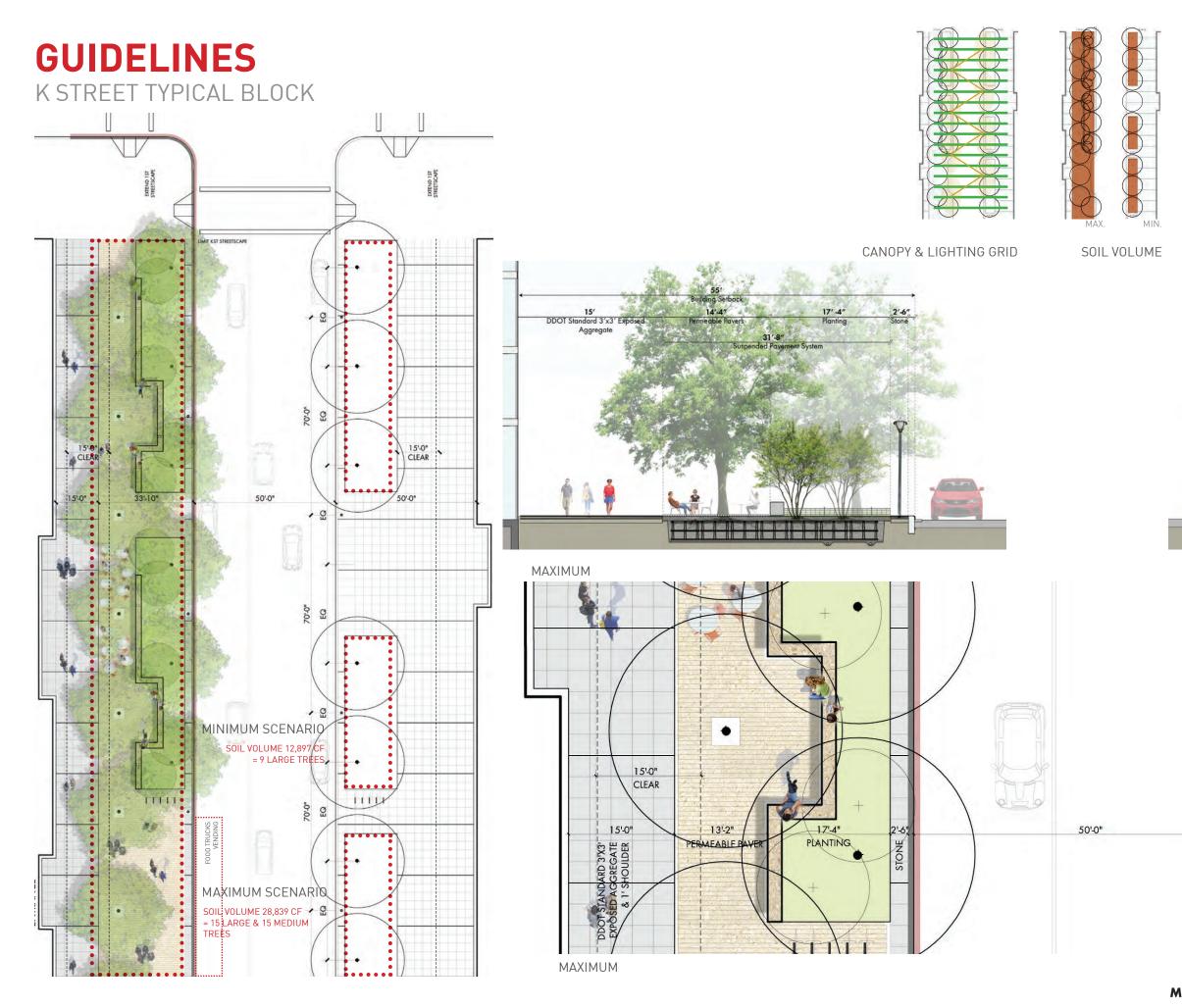
Minimum Plan This plan delineates the minimum soil volume acceptable that will allow the establishment of medium sized trees. Planting trees with 35' spacing will allow acceptable minimum canopy coverage. DDOT exposed aggregate concrete is the primary paving material proposed for a minimum scenario.

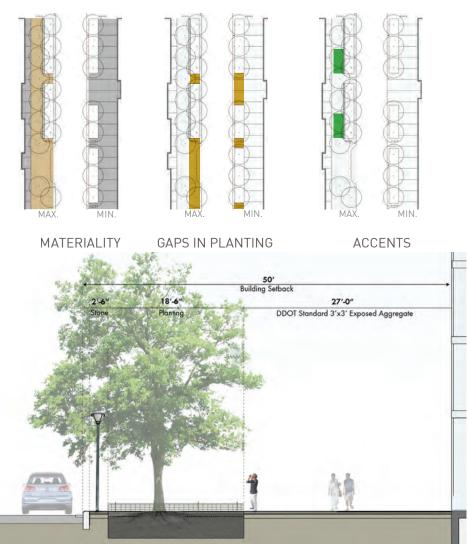
Maximum PlanThe maximum option proposes a double row of street trees, spaced
35' on center, that will generate a lush, full canopy. This option is only
viable with maximum soil volume.

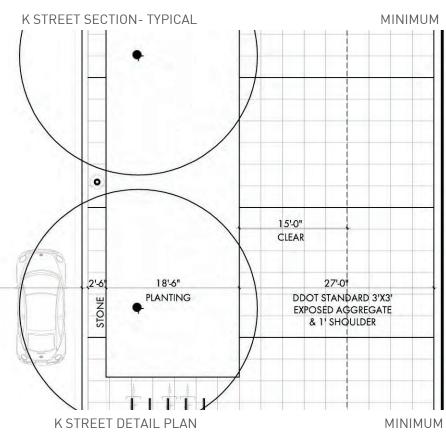
The plan balances paved and planted surfaces. A system incorporating permeable pavings and Silva cells (or other suspended pavement system) enable recommended soil volumes and the benefits of maximum canopy coverage.

The plan shows a typical 2.5' stone step-off zone. Raised planters (at the second row of trees) at seat height provide informal seating and social gathering spaces to accentuate and enliven entry areas. Standard Washington Globe light fixtures are recommended, spaced at 70' on center, the typical module.









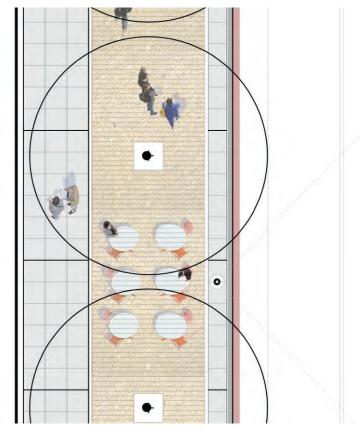
GUIDELINES L, M & N STREETS TYPICAL BLOCK

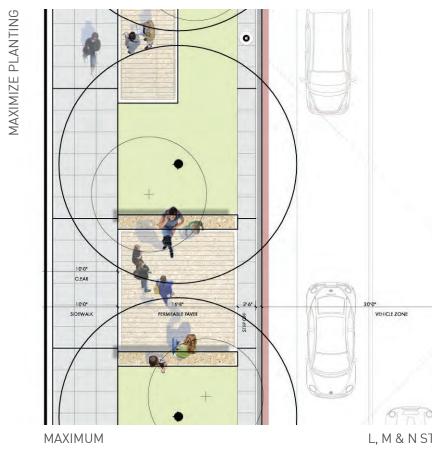


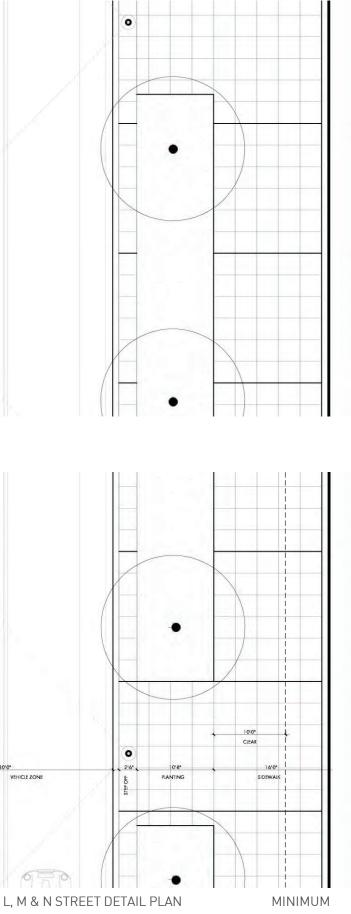
L, M, and N Streets NE are secondary collector streets within NoMa's Mixed Use NoMa. Ideally, these streets would extend the lush, inviting linear Streets park-like character established on First and K Streets NE into the rest of the neighborhood. The minimum DDOT pedestrian zone width recommended for this street is 10'. This plan delineates the minimum soil volume that will allow the Minimum Plan establishment of medium sized trees. In order to obtain acceptable minimal canopy coverage, at least seven trees will need to be planted within a typical block face. Standard DDOT exposed aggregate concrete is the primary paving material proposed for a block meeting the minimum plan. In both options, soil volumes are proposed that will allow the **Maximum Plan** establishment of seven to eight mature canopy trees as well as understory trees within full beds of lush plantings. The plan includes establishment of a single row of large street trees spaced 35' on center, accented with understory plantings. This option favors paved surface area for pedestrian movement and Max Scenario 1 gathering over planting area, while preserving a continuous canopy and large trees. In order to accomplish this, we recommend the use of permeable pavers suspended on Silva cells (or other suspended pavement system). This system has shown to provide growing conditions that promote larger and healthier trees. Pairing Silva cells (or other suspended pavement system) with maximum soils will also serve to fulfill DOEE SWM requirements, resulting in a win-win combination. Scenario 2 maximizes the planting area within a typical block for a Max Scenario 2 lush landscape effect. Beds can serve as rain gardens and low impact development (LID) planters as site conditions and DOEE requirements warrant. Both maximum options include a typical 2.5' stone step-off zone

and raised planters at seat height to provide informal seating and social gathering spaces and accentuate and enliven entry areas. We recommend standard Washington Globe light fixtures, spaced at 70' on center, the typical street tree module. Sections and plans show the typical condition of each option.









GUIDELINES L, M & N STREETS TYPICAL BLOCK

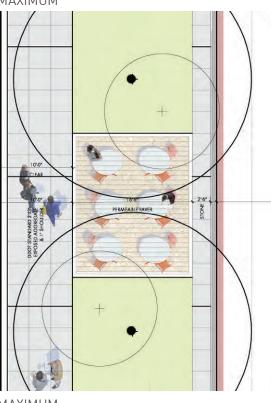


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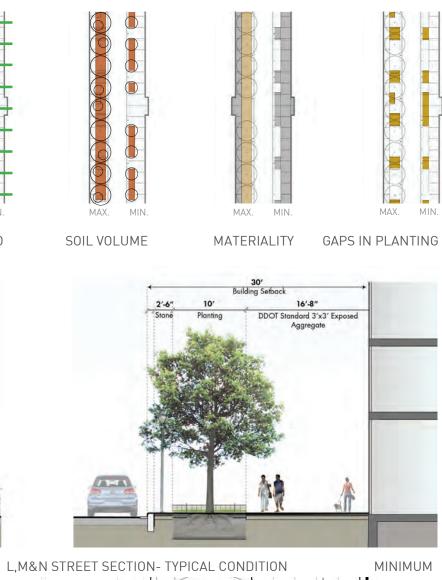
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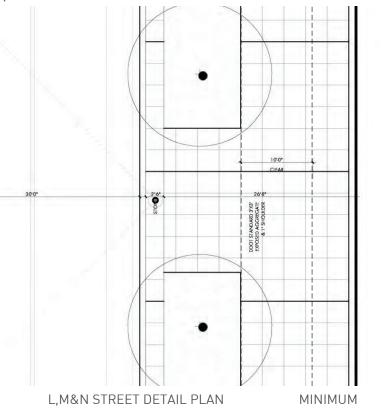


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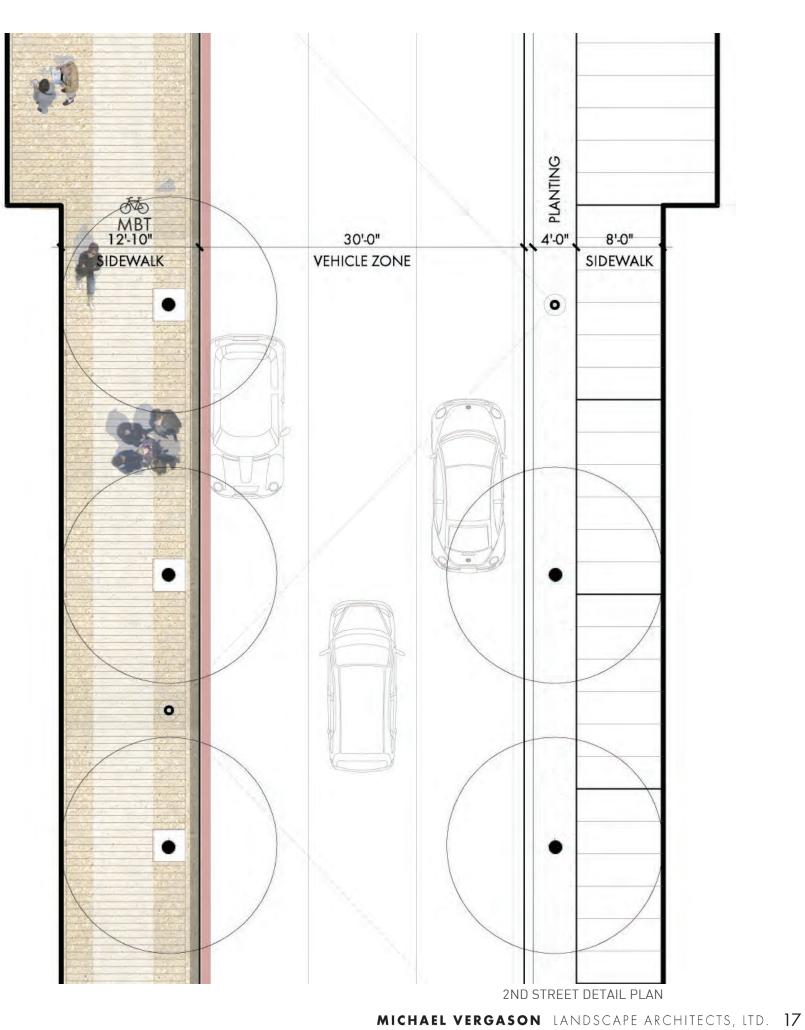




GUIDELINES 2ND STREET, DELAWARE AVENUE, AND PATTERSON STREET TYPICAL BLOCK

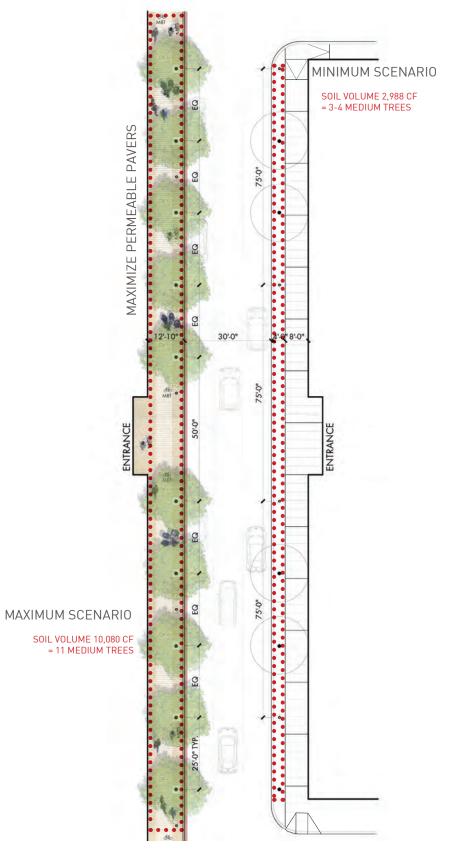
NoMa's Residential Street	2nd Street is the narrowest street within NoMa and serves primarily as the link for the eastern portion of NoMa along the rail yard. As such, it is the most challenging of the streets to implement the goals of the Guidelines. The minimum DDOT pedestrian zone width recommended for this street is 6'.
Minimum Plan	This plan delineates the minimum soil volume that will allow the establishment of medium sized trees. Due to the narrow street width, only three to four medium sized trees may be established along a typical block face without providing additional soil volumes.
Maximum Plans	In both maximum plan options, the soil volumes proposed will allow the establishment of either nine to ten medium trees or six large mature canopy trees, were conditions permit. Only minimal ground plane plantings are possible in this scenario.
	This may be accomplished through the use of permeable pavers placed on Silva cells (or other suspended pavement system) to provide growing conditions that promote larger and healthier trees.
	This system has shown to provide growing conditions that promote larger and healthier trees. Pairing Silva cells (or other suspended pavement system) with maximum soils will also serve to fulfill DOEE SWM requirements, resulting in a win-win combination.

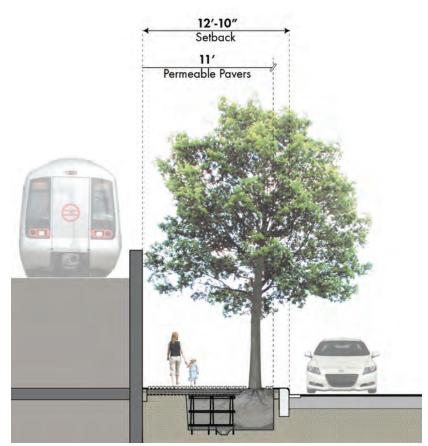
Standard Washington Globe light fixtures should be spaced with the typical street tree module in mind, so that the tree canopy will not interfere with light disbursement.



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2ND STREET, DELAWARE AVENUE, AND PATTERSON STREET TYPICAL BLOCK

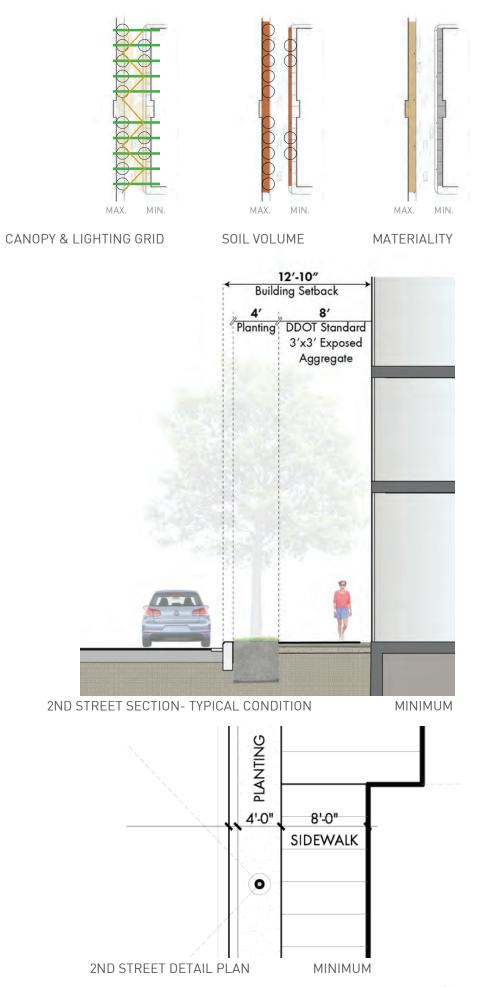




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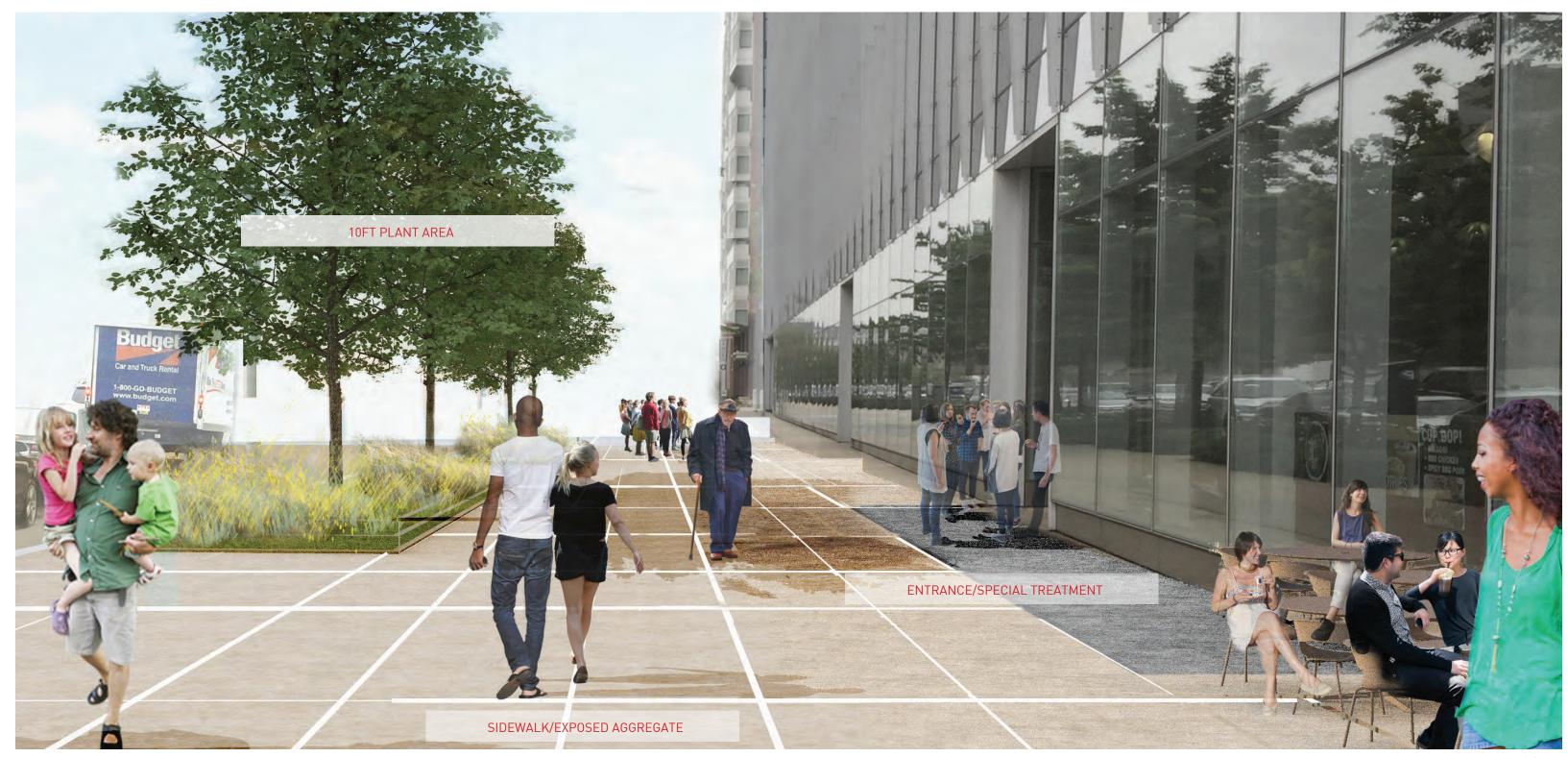
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GUIDELINES MAXIMUM SCENARIO: RENDERING TYPICAL BLOCK (ANNOTATED)

