

CITY OF RIO RANCHO



RESOLUTION NO. 34

ENACTMENT NO. 02-033

ADOPTING A GATEWAY VICINITY PLAN FOR UNSER GATEWAY "WEST", APPROXIMATELY 31 PLATTED ACRES, LOCATED WEST OF UNSER ROAD BETWEEN THE SANDOVAL/BERNALILLO COUNTY LINE AND 19<sup>TH</sup> AVE WITHIN THE CITY OF RIO RANCHO

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has empowered the City of Rio Rancho to enact zoning regulations for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Rio Rancho's Comprehensive Plan has determined that the Hierarchy of Plan Development Level 5: Gateway Vicinity Plans consider the scale and type of surrounding land uses, provide strong pedestrian and vehicular access, provide aesthetic treatments that enhance transit opportunities, reduce automobile commute requirements, and include strong identification signage, public awareness kiosks, pedestrian connections and facilities to promote non-vehicular off-street connections to adjacent communities, growth nodes and other activity centers; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Rio Rancho has determined that the Gateway Vicinity Plan for Unser Gateway "West" is in conformance with the Vision 2020 Integrated Comprehensive Plan.

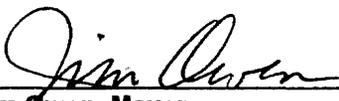
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO RANCHO:

The Governing Body does hereby approve a Gateway Vicinity Plan, attached hereto, for the project area known as Unser Gateway "West" consisting of approximately 31 acres as per the following:

Requirements/Restrictions:

1. Land Use: Any development shall be as per the design guidelines found in the Unser Gateway "West" Plan and as per the Gateway Vicinity description found in the Vision 2020 Integrated Comprehensive Plan.
2. Utilities: Any development will request a water availability statement and sewer availability statement from the City Utilities Department.
3. Parks and Recreation: All parks or open space proposed for development shall coordinate and follow the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002

  
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 Jim Owen, Mayor  
 5/13/02  
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 Date

ATTEST:

  
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 Tina Gonzales, City Clerk  
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**Gateway Vicinity Plan**  
for  
**Unser Gateway “West”**  
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

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Gateway Vicinity Plan for Unser Gateway “West”  
City Development Department  
Planning Division  
May, 2002

# **Unser Gateway "West" at Rio Rancho**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In August 2001, the City of Rio Rancho adopted an Integrated Comprehensive Plan (ICP) designed to be the guiding document for the City in its continuing development through the horizon year of 2020. Within that period of time, the City is anticipated to grow by an additional 50,000 residents and the municipality's desire for intelligent land use decisions, facilities planning, accommodations of new growth and respect for existing residents is outlined in that document.

The Vision 2020-Integrated Comprehensive Plan (ICP) defined principles, policies and actions to specify basic direction and guidance for the City's eight planning elements - land use-fiscal analysis, urban design, transportation & circulation, infrastructure & capital facilities, environmental sustainability, housing, community services & public facilities and economic development. As outlined in the ICP and as part of the City's general land use policy; transportation and transit related Gateway Vicinity Plans are to be accommodated if mapped opportunities exist at the City's periphery. Unser Gateway West is such an opportunity. These centers of identified transit and transportation hubs are to be developed with careful consideration for neighborhood impacts and compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

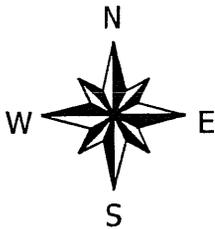
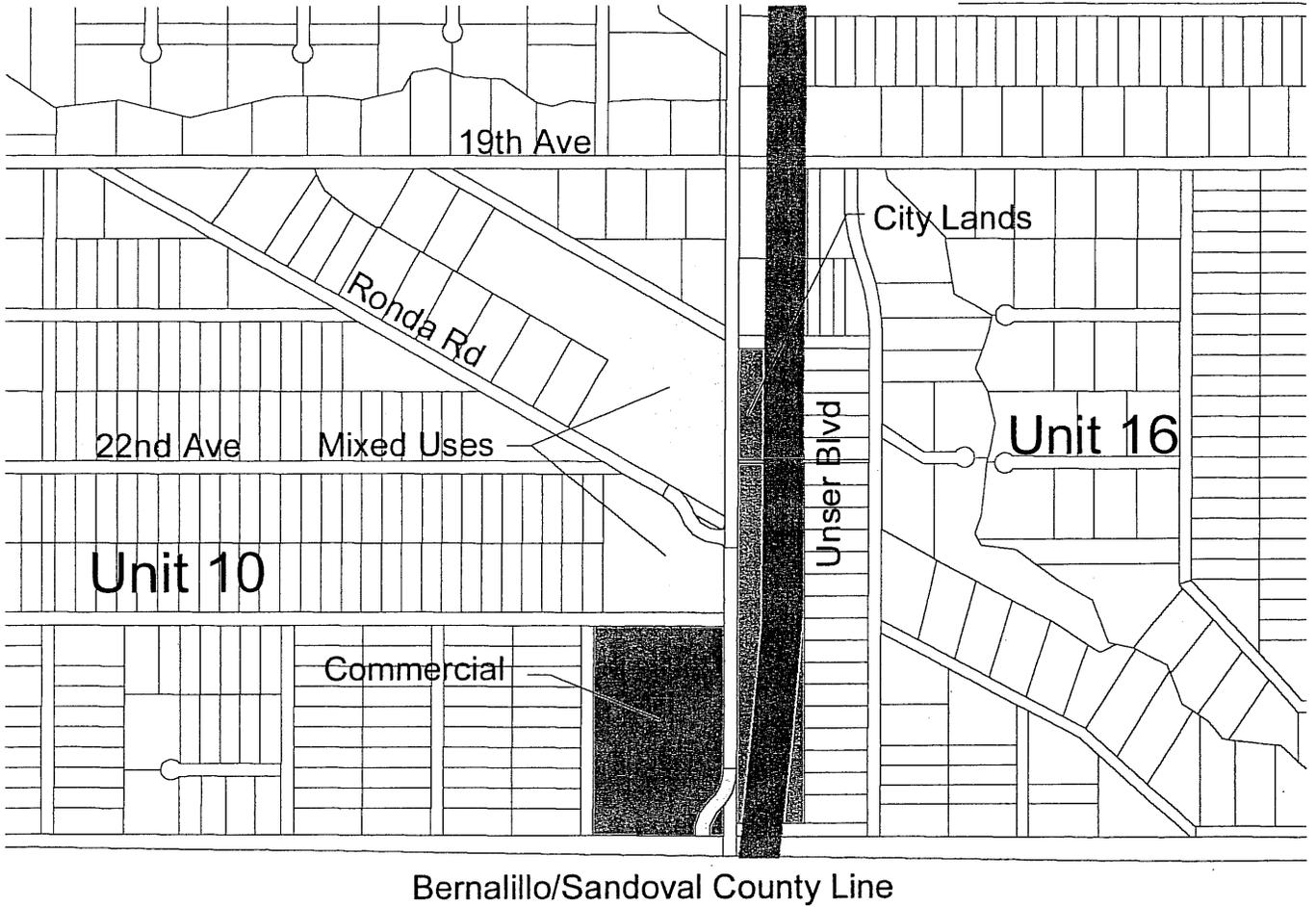
City Development Department is submitting a Gateway Vicinity Plan for properties located north and adjacent to the Bernalillo/Sandoval County line between Unser Blvd and 19th Avenue in Unit 10 of Rio Rancho Estates. This plan is characterized within the hierarchy of plans within the ICP as a Level 5 Specific Area Plan. This is generally a subplan that covers a smaller geographic area of the City or a specific transportation corridor. This plan address specific issues, such as architectural controls, design guidelines and transportation access elements, and details principles, policies and actions found in the Comprehensive Plan as they apply. Gateway Vicinity Plans are included in Level 5 plans and comprise high-density, mixed-use centers located on arterials or highways at the City's edge or entrance. These plans require a transportation component, utilizing alternative modes of transit, multi-modal transport and/or transfer stations, as well as architectural amenities to promote the "gateway" to and from the City.

The City is a significant property owner in this area. There exists a 120 foot strip of land to the west of Unser Boulevard and between Unser and 20th Street which was purchased by the City in the right-of-way acquisition process when Unser Blvd. Was constructed. It has been suggested that this be property be used for drainage and landscaping, however, some of it may actually be "developable."

## II. SITE LOCATION

The plan area is next to a rapidly developing portion of Albuquerque and west of (across Unser Boulevard) Unit 16 West also known as the "redevelopment area." At some time in the future it may be appropriate to compile an "Unser Gateway East" across Unser when redevelopment issues with that property become resolved. The extent of this gateway plan will also extend further north on the west side of Unser as soon as decisions are made as to the configuration of

# Proposed Land Uses



19th Avenue which may very well be the continuation of Westside Boulevard.

The land area considered for the Gateway Vicinity Plan is west of Unser Blvd between 19th Ave and the Bernalillo/Sandoval County line. The land area comprises approximately 31 acres.

More specifically, the area contains Lots 1-19, Block 82, Lots 28-35, Block 25, and Lots 1-4 and 19-25, Block 28.

### **III. ELEMENTS OF THE VISION 2020 INTEGRATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

#### **A. Level 5 Gateway Vicinity Plan**

In the Comprehensive Plan, there are principles, policies and actions that define the elements of a Gateway Vicinity Plan. Gateway plans should be provided when appropriate locations, scale and type of corresponding land uses can be identified. The plans should incorporate identified transit and transportation hubs at the City's periphery and be developed within areas of changed conditions due to transportation. Intensified land use and its relationship to Gateway Vicinity Plans provide for strong pedestrian and vehicular access and aesthetic treatments that enhance the opportunity for transit and transportation connections. Gateway Vicinity Plans and plans related to transportation hubs should reduce automobile commute requirements by intelligent design, efficient intensity of allowed uses and convenience to commuters. Gateway Vicinity Plans are appropriate when the transportation element justifying the activity center (a peripheral gateway transit or transportation hub or non-vehicular transportation investment) is demonstrated. Pedestrian orientation, bicycle travel and other non-vehicular connections must be included as a site design element in a Gateway Vicinity Plan. Other site design elements include Public Facilities with strong identification signage, public awareness kiosks, pedestrian connections and facilities to promote non-vehicular on- and off-street connections to adjacent communities, growth nodes and other activity centers.

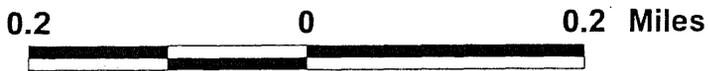
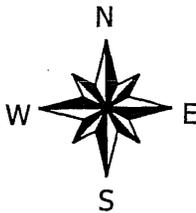
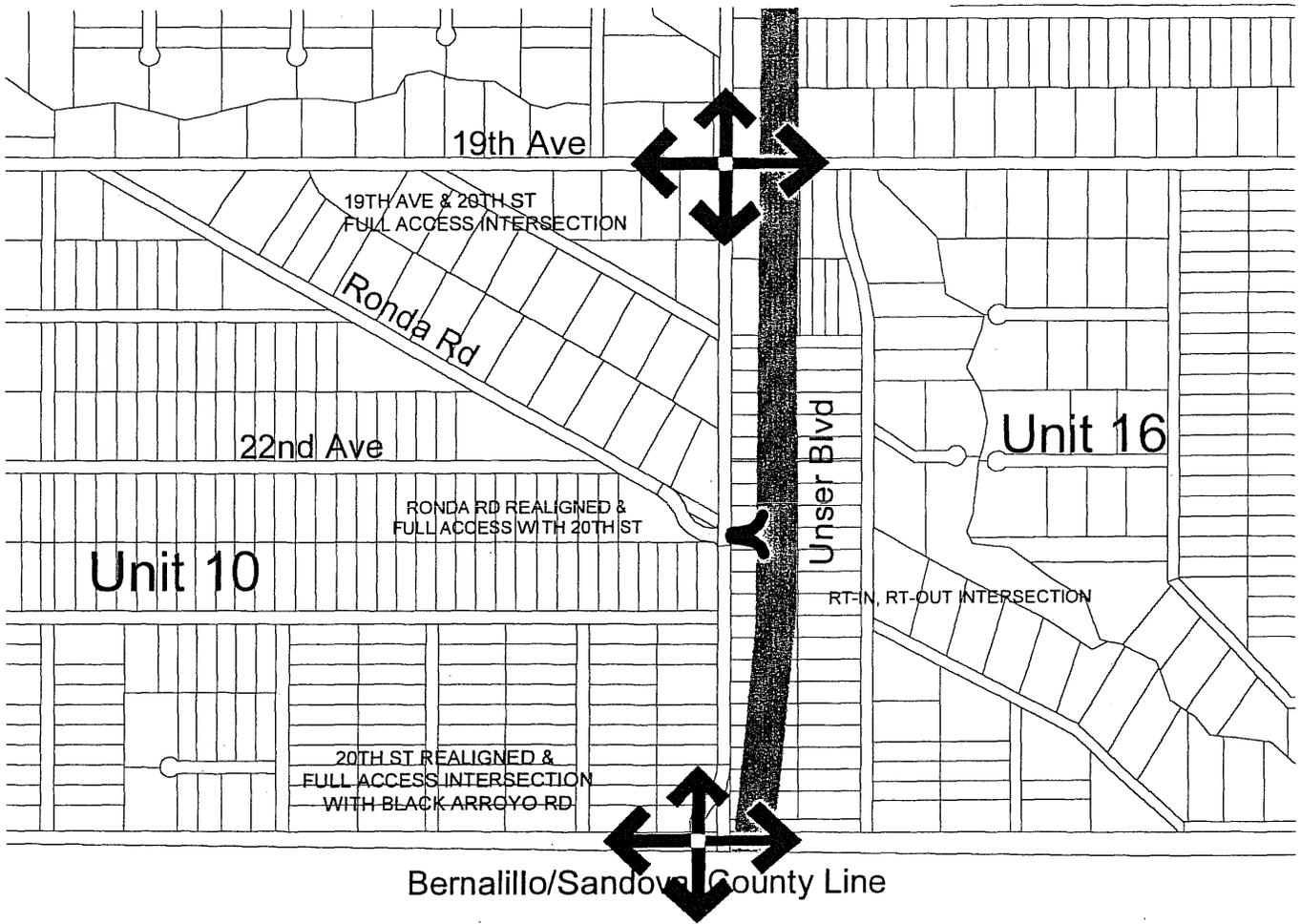
#### **B. Land Use Element**

The land uses for a Gateway Vicinity Plan consists of mixed-uses. The City has zoning categories specifically for mixed-use developments and would suggest that this Plan use the MU-A zoning classification where it is appropriate. There are also areas within the planning area which would be best suited for C-1 type commercial zoning and this is suggested in certain areas. This allows for a diversity of housing, retail and community opportunities that could be incorporated into the Gateway Vicinity criteria. The MU-A zoning classification has requirements for Master Plans and Site Plans which will coordinate, for example, pedestrian access throughout the area. As part of this plan, specific design guidelines and requirements for buffering and access control will be placed on all of the properties within the area.

#### **C. Transportation & Circulation Element**

The transportation & circulation element is an intricate part of the Gateway Vicinity Plan. The Urban Transportation Policy Planning Board of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments

# Access & Circulation



has made several transportation policy decisions which relate to this site. One primary study is the Westside/McMahon Corridor Study and Recommended Land Use. This study defines the future alignments for Westside Blvd which will join and become 19th Ave. This may be dependent upon the successful completion of the redevelopment within Unit 16 west. Other adopted policy in the area includes the access policy for Unser Blvd. Unser Blvd is designated a Principal Arterial on the Long Range Roadway System with access limited to: full access every half mile; and, right in right out access every "mid block" quarter mile. This policy is in effect on Unser to Southern Boulevard and has been implemented in the construction of the facility.

The City of Rio Rancho acquired properties east of 20th Street to construct the 150' Unser right-of-way to meet the City of Albuquerque's right-of-way requirements. This leaves an approximate 120-ft land area between the two right-of-way designations for 20th Street and Unser, which is owned by the City of Rio Rancho. As mentioned this creates opportunities for landscaping and drainage, however, this also creates opportunities for multi modal transportation facilities. This is an ideal location for a "park and ride" with a transit stop into Albuquerque. 20th Street as a frontage road provides a perfect "extended" south bound right in right out headed toward Albuquerque. A future signal at 19th/Westside provides excellent north bound access "on the way home."

Pedestrian and Bicycle will be accommodated through internal open space along 20th Street and through the City-owned remnant right-of-way area. Pedestrian connections are proposed for Ronda Road to Rincon Road, 22nd Ave to 21st Ave/Ronda Road and 22nd Ave to Black Arroyo Road. All streets are proposed to contain full width sidewalks when constructed with adjacent streets.

#### D. Open Space and Drainage Element

The east side of 20th Street contains plenty of room for bicycle and pedestrian access. This plan proposes a general design requirement for a 35-ft minimum landscaped area adjacent to the westerly perimeters of the mixed-use projects. This would be an additional design guideline added to the performance zoning already required by the MU-A district. As currently required, the landscaped area would be required to shield neighborhood activities from parking lot lighting, building lighting and noise via berms, walls and/or vegetation. Open space areas will be further characterized on the landscaping plan required by the MU-A zoning district.

Drainage plans will be reviewed at subdivision and building permit. An overall conceptual master drainage plan for the area will be necessary in order for specific drainage plans for actual projects to be developed.

#### E. Gateway Sign

As mentioned earlier in the plan, there is a requirement by the Comprehensive Plan to create a "gateway" or some type of architectural amenity that recognizes an entry into the municipality. As found in the Urban Design section of the Comprehensive Plan, ideas for Gateways consist of monument signs with extensive landscaping, inclusion into the streetscape design, and public

artwork. This element of the plan is much more than just a "Welcome to Rio Rancho" billboard. Public participation in the design of this sign will be encouraged. The design theme should reflect the design theme of the entire development and also be complimentary to City. Both sides of Unser Blvd will require a display for entry and exit from the City.

#### F. Phasing & Implementation

There will be future phases of this plan. This is the first phase. The second phase will extend the area to north of 19th Avenue. The third phase will address the east side of Unser Blvd. Typically the market will determine which land uses and areas will develop first, therefore, construction and timing of infrastructure will be determined when actual projects come on line.

### IV. DESIGN GUIDELINES

#### 1. Access and Site Circulation

- 1.1 Access to and from Unser Blvd to this area will be limited to a right-in, right-out at the intersection of Ronda Road. Full access to and from Unser Blvd is provided at one half mile intervals at 19th Avenue/Westside to the north and at Black Arroyo Road to the south.
- 1.2 All ingress/egress points and associated construction shall require both the review and approval of the City Development Department and the City Engineer.
- 1.3 A traffic impact analysis will be required for City review and approval prior to any development.
- 1.4 Access to and from Ronda Road should take into consideration the future neighborhoods surrounding the roadway. Improvements shall be required including streetlights and sidewalks.
- 1.5 A replat will be required to align right-of-ways for intersection geometry and additional land areas, specifically at Ronda Road and 20th St.
- 1.6 A pedestrian pathway and bicycle lane shall be a required improvement along 20th St, either within the right-of-way or the remnant City-owned lands. The design and construction of the pathway and bicycle lanes shall be reviewed by City Development and Public Works.
- 1.7 All pedestrian walkways, paths and sidewalks shall be designed for ADA accessibility.
- 1.8 Vehicular access across lot lines within the Plan Area shall be granted by the filing of the subdivision plat, which will indicate the size and location of such access easements.

#### 2. Building Orientation

- 2.1 Setbacks: Building setbacks shall be determined in accordance with the City's Zoning Ordinance and any approved Site Plan in conjunction with the site plan approval process incorporated into the MU-A zone. Minimum setbacks may be changed for the purpose of design and aesthetic potential.
- 2.2 Minimum setbacks from the easterly right-of-way of 19th St shall be 35 feet.

### 3. Building Materials

- 3.1 No plain metal or plain concrete buildings shall be allowed to face Unser Blvd. Buildings in this development shall utilize similar design and types of materials to maintain unity of overall design.
- 3.2 Buildings utilizing exterior metal panels or concrete block must present an elevation to Unser Blvd that consists primarily of decorative wood, colored concrete, masonry or other treatment.
- 3.3 Any mechanical systems equipment proposed for construction above the roofline shall be screened from view in a manner compatible with the architectural elements of the building.

### 4. Landscaping

- 4.1 The proposed landscaping shall utilize the plant list found in the Urban Design section of the Comprehensive Plan. The landscaping design for the MU-A Site Plan shall be subject to review and approval by City Development. The Landscaping plan will be in accordance with the criteria of the zoning classification.
- 4.2 All landscaping plans for Parks and Open Space within the City of Rio Rancho must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 4.3 Appropriate landscaping for all commercial development shall be accordance with Section 9-1-9 of the City of Rio Rancho Zoning Ordinance.

### 5. Lighting Standards

- 5.1 Exterior lighting shall comply with the New Mexico Night Sky Protection Act (HB 39) and any City lighting regulations. All exterior lighting shall not be directed toward adjacent streets and/or adjacent properties.
- 5.2 Unshielded lighting fixtures are prohibited.

### 6. Sign Standards

- 6.1 All proposed signage shall be in accordance with the City of Rio Rancho's Zoning Ordinance Sign Code. All signage will be reviewed and approved by the City Development Department.
- 6.2 All free standing signage on the property shall be limited to allowances under the zoning code for C-1 properties.
- 6.3 Monument signage is encouraged for all development within this planning area.

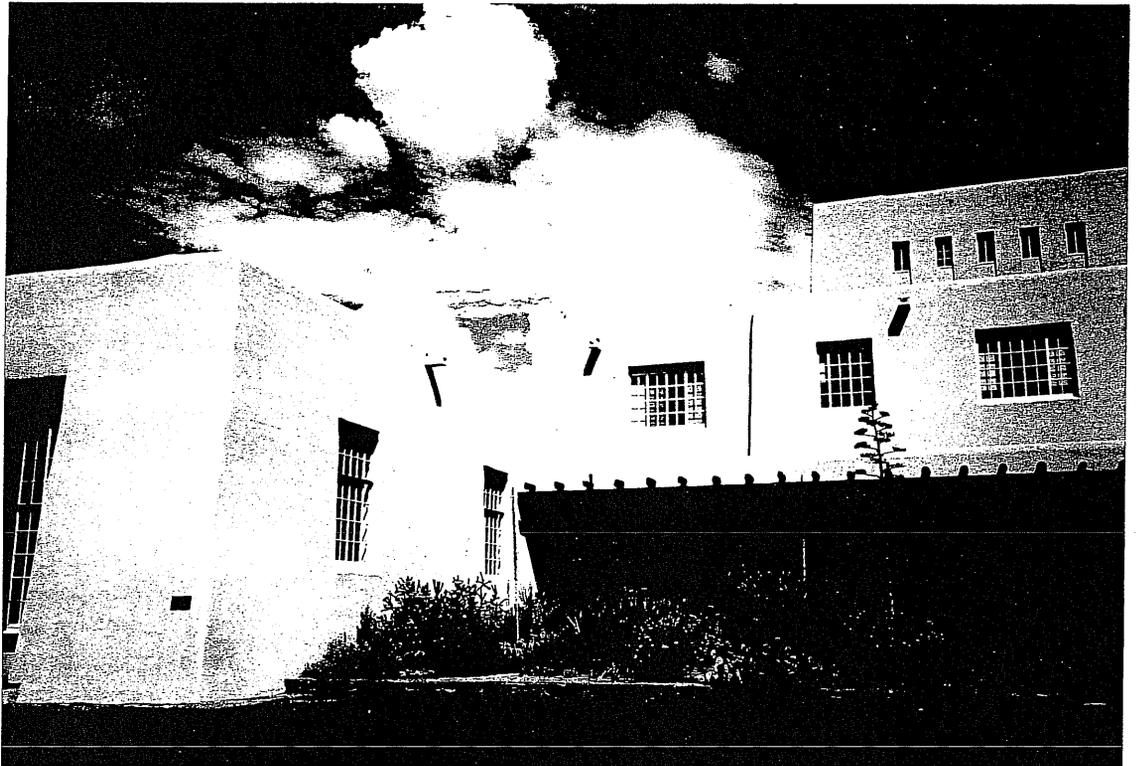
### 7. General Standards

- 7.1 All trash receptacles will be screened both horizontally and vertically from adjacent properties and from on-site properties and be gated.
- 7.2 The applicant shall submit to the City for review and approval a complete drainage plan. The review and approval shall occur prior to any development on the property.

7.3 All buildings shall be built using a similar architectural theme, utilizing either a territorial, pueblo or southwest regional style.



TERRITORIAL STYLE



PUEBLO STYLE



NORTHERN NEW MEXICO STYLE

ATTACHMENT 1

## Landscape Palette

A recommended landscape plant list was developed specifically for the city. The criteria for the plant list was as follows:

- Drought tolerant
- Appropriateness to this region
- Appropriateness for specific uses i.e. arroyos, streets, open space
- Type of foliage i.e. deciduous, evergreen, fall color, and winter interest
- Amount of supplemental water required after establishment, i.e. none, low, moderate, and high
- Exposure, i.e. sun, part shade, shade, and adapts to a particular condition

There is a section on ornamental grasses and lawn alternatives that follows the same selection criteria as for the trees and shrubs.

The plant list is attached in Appendix A:

**APPENDIX A**

Rio Rancho Recommended Plants List

Plant	Common Name	Water	Foliage	Height	Spacing	Color	Exposure
<b>Shrubs</b>							
Amelanchier utahensis	Serviceberry, Utah	1	D	9'	12'	White	sun
Amorpha canescens	Leadplant	1	D	3'	4'	Purple	sun
Amorpha fruticosa	Indigo Bush	1	D	8'	8'	Lavender	sun
Artemisia abrotanum	Southernwood	1	D	3'	3'	N/A	sun
Artemisia absinthium	Wormwood, Common	1	D	2'	3'	N/A	sun
Artemisia bigelovi	Sagebrush, Bigelow	1	D	1'	2'	N/A	sun
Artemisia filifolia	Sagebrush, Sand	1	E,W	3'	3'	N/A	sun
Artemisia ludoviciana	Sagebrush, Prairie	1	D	30"	3'	N/A	sun
Berberis x mentorensis	Barberry, Mentor	2	E,F,W	5'	6'	Yellow	sun
Caesalpinia gilliesii	Bird of Paradise	1	D	6'	6'	Yellow	sun
Caragana pygmaea	Peashrub, Pygmy	1	D	42"	5'	Yellow	sun
Caryopteris clandonensis	Spirea, Blue Mist	2	D,W	42"	3'	Blue-violet	sun
Ceanothus fendleri	Deerbrush	1	E,W	10"	4'	White	sun
Ceratoides lanata	Winterfat	0	E,W	3'	30"	N/A	sun
Cercocarpus ledifolius	Mountain Mahogany, Curlleaf	1	E,W	10'	10'	N/A	sun
Cercocarpus ledifolius intricatus	Mountain Mahogany, Littleleaf	1	E,W	3'	4'	Yellow	sun
Cercocarpus montanus	Mountain Mahogany	0	D	5'	6'	Cream	sun/pt shd
Chamaebatia millefolium	Fernbush	1	E,W	4'	6'	White	sun
*Chrysothamnus nauseosus albicaulis	Rabbitbrush, Tall Blue	0	E,F,W	4'	6'	Yellow	sun
*Chrysothamnus nauseosus graveolens	Rabbitbrush, Tall Green	0	E,F,W	4'	6'	Yellow	sun
*Chrysothamnus nauseosus nauseosus	Rabbitbrush, Dwarf Blue	0	E,F,W	30"	4'	Yellow	sun
Cornus stolonifera	Dogwood, Redtwig	3	D,W	8'	8'	White	adapt
Cotinus coggygria	Smokebush	2	D	12'	15'	Pink	sun/pt shd
Cotoneaster congestus	Cotoneaster, Pyrenees	2	E,W	3'	6'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Cotoneaster glaucophyllus	Cotoneaster, Grayleaf	2	E,W	3'	6'	Pink	sun/pt shd
Cotoneaster lacteus parneyi	Cotoneaster, Parney	2	E,W	8'	8'	White	sun/pt shd
Cotoneaster various	Cotoneaster, various	2	E,W	3'	6'	White	
Cowania mexicana	Cliffrose	1	D,W	7'	6'	Cream	sun
Cytisus scoparius 'Moonlight'	Broom, Moonlight	1	D	5'	6'	Yellow	sun
Cytisus x 'Lena'	Broom, Lena	2	D	30"	4'	Yellow-rust	sun

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Dalea formosa	Dalea, Feather	0	E,W	18"	2'	Burgundy	sun
Dasylyrion wheeleri	Sotol	0	E,W	4'	5'	Cream	sun
Eleagnus pungens 'Fruitlandi'	Silverberry	1	E,W	12'	12'	White	sun
Ephedra viridis	Mormon Tea	0	E,W	4'	4'	N/A	sun
*Fallugia paradoxa	Apache Plume	0	D,F,W	5'	6'	White	sun
Fendlera rupicola	Cliff Fendlerbush	1	D	5'	4'	White	sun
Forestiera neomexicana	Privet, New Mexico	0	D,F	10'	8'	N/A	sun
Forsythia sp.	Forsythia	3	D	7'	10'	Yellow	sun
Fouquieria splendens	Ocotillo	0	E,W	10'	10'	Scarlet	sun
Hesperole parviflora	Yucca, Red	0	E,W	42"	4'	Coral	sun
Hippophae rhamnoides	Sea Buckthorn	0	D,F	13'	12'	Yellow	sun
Holodiscus dumosus	Spirea, Rock	0	D,F	54"	6'	Cream	sun/pt shd
Ilex vomitoria	Holly, Yaupon	2	E,F,W	18'	12'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Juniperus chinensis 'Armstongii'	Juniper, Armstong	1	E,W	42"	4'	N/A	sun
Juniperus chinensis 'Holbert'	Juniper, Holbert	1	E,W	30"	10'	N/A	sun
Juniperus chinensis 'Keteleeri'	Juniper, Keteleeri	1	E,W	18'	15'	N/A	sun
Juniperus chinensis 'Sea Green'	Juniper, Sea Green	1	E,W	4'	4'	N/A	sun
Juniperus horizontalis 'Blue Chip'	Juniper, Blue Chip	1	E,W	10"	8'	N/A	sun
Juniperus sabina 'Broadmoor'	Juniper, Broadmoor	1	E,W	15"	8'	N/A	sun
Juniperus sabina 'Buffalo'	Juniper, Buffalo	1	E,W	15"	8'	N/A	sun
Juniperus scopulorum	Juniper, Rocky Mountain	2	E,W	25'	12'	N/A	sun
Juniperus scopulorum sp.	Juniper, Scopulorum species	1	E,W	18'	6'	N/A	sun
Juniperus virginiana sp.	Cedar, Eastern Red species	1	E,W	18'	6'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Lonicera korkolkowii v. Floribunda 'Blue Velvet'	Honeysuckle, Blue Velvet Bush	2	D,F	10'	8'	Orchid-pink	sun
Nolina microcarpa	Beargrass	1	E,W	30"	30"	N/A	sun
Nolina texana	Beargrass	0	E,W	2'	3'	N/A	sun
Opuntia macrocentra	Purple Prickly Pear Cactus	0	E,F,W	3'	4'	Yellow	sun
Parryella filifolia	Dune Broom	1	D	30"	4'	Yellow	sun
Parthenium incanum	Mariola	1	E,W	3'	3'	White	sun
Periphyllum ramosissimum	Common Squawapple	2	D,F	7'	8'	Pink	sun
Perovskia atriplicifolia	Sage, Russian	1	D,W	42"	30"	Lavender	sun

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Philadelphus microcarpa	Mockorange, Littleleaf	2	D	5'	5'	White	sun
Photinia fraseri	Photinia, Fraser	3	E,F,W	15'	8'	N/A	sun
Pinus mugo	Pine, Mugo	2	E,W	12'	20'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Prunus americana	Plum, American	2	D,F	15'	12'	White	sun
Prunus armeniaca	Apricot	2	D,F	20'	20'	White	sun
Prunus besseyi	Cherry, Western Sand	2	D,F	5'	6'	White	sun
Prunus x cistena	Plum, Purpleleaf	2	D,F	7'	6'	Orchid	sun
Psoralea scoparius	Broom Dalea	0	D,F,W	3'	3'	Purple	sun
Purshia tridentata	Antelope Bitterbrush	0	D	6'	6'	Cream	sun
Quercus gambelii	Oak, Gambel	1	D	14'	12'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Raphiolepis indica	Hawthorn, Indian	3	D,W	5'	5'	White	sun
Rhamnus frangula 'Columnaris'	Buckthorn, Tall Hedge	2	D,F	10'	4'	N/A	sun
Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'	Sumac, Dwarf	1	D,F	30"	8'	N/A	sun/pt shd
*Rhus glabra	Sumac, Smooth	1	D,F	12'	10'	N/A	sun
*Rhus glabra 'Cismontana'	Sumac, Rocky Mountain	2	D,F	30"	3'	N/A	sun
Rhus lanceolata	Sumac, Prairie Flameleaf	1	D,F	25'	15'	N/A	sun/pt shd
*Rhus microphylla	Sumac, Little Leaf	1	D,F	8'	14'	White	sun
*Rhus trilobata	Sumac, Three-Leaf	1	D,F	54"	4'	Yellow	sun
Ribes aureum	Currant, Golden	2	D	5'	6'	Yellow	sun
*Ribes cereum	Currant, Squaw	1	D	3'	4'	White	sun/pt shd
Rosa foetida 'Bicolor'	Rose, Austrian Copper	2	D,F	8'	8'	Orange	sun
Rosa foetida 'Persiana'	Rose, Persian Yellow	2	D,F	5'	6'	Yellow	sun
Rosa glauca	Rose, Red Leaved	2	D,F	6'	6'	Pink	sun
Rosa x 'Blanc Double DeCoubert'	Rose, White Shrub	2	D,F	6'	6'	White	sun
Rosa x 'Hansa'	Rose, Purple-Red Shrub	2	D,F	5'	6'	Red-violet	sun
Rosa x 'Linda Campbell'	Rose, Rugosa Red	2	D,F	5'	6'	Crimson	sun
Rosa x 'Therese Bugnet'	Rose, Rugosa Pink	2	D,F	5'	6'	Pink	sun
Rubus deliciosus	Raspberry, Boulder	2	D	5'	6'	White	sun
Sapindus saponaria	Soapberry, Western	2	D,F,W	20'	15'	N/A	sun
Seriphidium tridentatum	Sage, Tall Western	0	E,W	8'	6'	N/A	sun
Shepherdia argentea	Buffaloberry, Silver	1	D,F	12'	9'	N/A	sun

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Shepherdia rotundifolia	Buffaloberry, Roundleaf	0	D,F	5'	6'	N/A	sun
Spartium junceum	Broom, Spanish	1	E,W	8'	6'	Yellow	sun
Syringa meyeri 'Palibin'	Lilac, Dwarf Korean	2	D	5'	6'	Lavender	sun
Syringa vulgaris	Lilac, Common Hybrids	2	D	15'	12'	Varied	sun
Syringa x prestoniae	Lilac, Canadian Hybrids	2	D	8'	10'	Varied	sun
Vauquelinia californica	Arizona Rosewood	1	D	15'	8'	White	sun
Viburnum lentago	Viburnum, Nannyberry	2	D,F	12'	8'	White	sun
Yucca baccata	Yucca, Banana	0	E,F,W	21"	3'	Cream	sun
Yucca glauca	Soapweed	0	E,F,W	3'	4'	White	sun

**Trees**

Acer saccharum grandidentatum	Maple, Bigtooth	2	D,F	25'	30'	Yellow	sun
Albizzia julibrissin	Silk Tree	2	D	12'	20'	Pink	sun
Calocedrus decurrens	Cedar, Incense	2	E,W	80'	15'	N/A	sun
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry, Western	1	D	55'	50'	N/A	sun
Celtis reticulata	Hackberry, Netleaf	2	D,W	25'	25'	N/A	sun
Cercis canadensis 'Mexicana'	Redbud, Mexican	2	D,F	10'	10'	Pink	sun/pt shd
Cercis reniformis 'Oklahoma'	Redbud, Oklahoma	3	D,F	20'	20'	Pink	sun
Chilopsis linearis	Willow, Desert	1	D,F	14'	15'	Orchid	sun
Chitalpa x tashkentensis	Chitalpa	1	D,F	25'	20'	Pink	sun
Crataegus ambigua	Hawthorn, Russian	2	D,F	20'	20'	White	sun/pt shd
Crataegus crus galli	Hawthorn, Thornless	2	D,F	25'	25'	White	sun/pt shd
Crataegus x lavaliei	Hawthorn, Lavalie	2	D,F	22'	20'	White	sun/pt shd
Cupressus arizonica	Cypress, Arizona	1	E,W	30'	20'	N/A	sun
Fraxinus cuspidata	Ash, Fragrant	1	D,F	20'	15'	White	sun
Fraxinus oxycarpa	Ash, Claret	3	D,F	35'	20'	N/A	sun
Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Cimmaron'	Ash, Cimmaron	3	D,F	60'	30'	N/A	sun
Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Marshall's Seedless'	Ash, Marshall's Seedless	3	D,F	50'	40'	N/A	sun
Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore'	Ash, Patmore	3	D,F	45'	35'	N/A	sun
Fraxinus velutina	Ash, Velvet	2	D,F	40'	30'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Gleditsia triacanthos inermis	Honey Locust, various	2	D	40'	40'	N/A	sun

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Gymnocladus dioica	Coffee Tree, Kentucky	1	D	55'	50'	Yellow	sun
Juglans major	Walnut, Arizona	1	D	50'	50'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Koelreuteria paniculata	Rain Tree, Golden	2	D,F	25'	25'	Yellow	sun
Malus 'Davidi'	Crabapple, David	3	D	18'	20'	White	sun
Malus 'Spring Snow'	Crabapple, Spring Snow	3	D	22'	25'	White	sun
Melia azadarach	Chinaberry	2	D	25'	25'	Lilac	sun
Pinus edulis	Pine, Pinon	0	E,W	20'	20'	N/A	sun
Pinus flexilis	Pine, Limber	2	E,W	40'	30'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Pinus heldreichii	Pine, Bosnian	2	E,W	12'	10'	N/A	sun
Pinus nigra	Pine, Austrian	2	E,W	50'	40'	N/A	sun
Pinus parviflora glauca	Pine, Japanese White	2	E,W	45'	50'	N/A	sun
Pinus strobiformis	Pine, Southwestern White	2	E,W	45'	30'	N/A	sun
Pinus sylvestris	Pine, Scots	2	E,W	40'	30'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Pistacia chinensis	Pistache, Chinese	1	D,F	35'	30'	N/A	sun
Platanus racemosa 'Wrightii'	Sycamore, Arizona	3	D,W	80'	80'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Prunus cerasifera 'Krater Vesuvius'	Plum, Purpleleaf	2	D,F	25'	20'	White	sun/pt shd
Prunus cerasifera 'Thundercloud'	Plum, Purpleleaf	2	D,F	25'	20'	White	sun/pt shd
Prunus maackii	Chokecherry, Amur	2	D,F	25'	25'	White	sun/pt shd
Prunus padus	Mayday tree	2	D,F	25'	25'	White	sun/pt shd
Prunus virginiana melanocarpa	Chokecherry, Native	1	D,F	14'	12'	White	sun/pt shd
Pyrus calleryana 'Stonehill'	Pear, Stonehill	2	D,F	35'	16'	White	sun
Quercus macrocarpa	Oak, Bur	1	D,F	65'	80'	Yellow	sun
Quercus robur	Oak English	2	D,F,W	50'	60'	Yellow	sun
Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'	Oak, Skyrocket	2	D,F,W	50'	20'	Yellow	sun
Quercus shumardii	Oak, Shumard	2	D,F	60'	60'	N/A	sun
*Robinia neomexicana	Locust, New Mexico	1	D	13'	9'	Pink	sun
*Robinia pseudoacacia	Locust, Black	1	D	40'	30'	Purple	sun
Robinia x ambigua	Locust, Idaho	2	D	40'	25'	Rose-pink	sun
Sophora japonica	Japanese Pagoda Tree	2	D	60'	60'	Cream	sun/pt shd
Sophora secundiflora	Texas Mountain Laurel	1	D	12'	12'	Blue-violet	sun
Tilia cordata	Linden, Glenleven	3	D	60'	30'	Yellow	sun

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<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Greenspire'	Linden, Greenspire	3	D	35'	35'	Yellow	sun
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i> 'Sterling Silver'	Linden, Sterling Silver	2	D	45'	35'	Cream	sun
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chastetree	1	D	15'	15'	Blue	sun
<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>							
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Gramma Grass, Side Oats	1	F,W	30"	1'	N/A	sun
<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'	Feather Reed Grass	1	F,W	4'	2'	N/A	sun
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	Oat Grass, Blue	2	F,W	30"	2'	N/A	adapt
<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>	Bush Muhly	1	F,W	1'	2'	N/A	sun
<i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i>	Indian Ricegrass	0	F,W	18"	1'	N/A	sun
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i> 'Hameln'	Fountain Grass, Dwarf	1	F,W	18"	18"	N/A	sun
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Thread Grass	1	F,W	30"	2'	N/A	sun
<b>Lawn Alternatives</b>							
<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>	Buffalo Grass	1	F,W	5"	N/A	N/A	sun
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Gramma grass	1	F,W	18"	2'	N/A	sun
<i>Delosperma cooperii</i>	Iceplant, Purple	1	D	4"	24"	Magenta	sun
<i>Delosperma floribundum</i> 'Starburst'	Iceplant, Starburst	1	D	5"	12"	Rose/white	sun
<i>Delosperma nubigenum</i>	Iceplant, Yellow	1	E,F,W	2"	24"	Yellow	sun
<i>Gazania linearis</i> 'Colorado Gold'	Hardy Gazania	2	D	3"	10"	Yellow-orange	sun/pt shd
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> Yellow	Sunrose, Yellow	1	D	6"	18"	Yellow	sun
<i>Helianthemum</i> 'Orange'	Sunrose, Orange	1	D	6"	18"	Orange	sun
<i>Helianthemum</i> 'St Mary'	Sunrose, White	1	D	6"	24"	White	sun
<i>Helianthemum</i> 'Wisley Pink'	Sunrose, Pink	1	D	6"	18"	Pink	sun
<i>Helianthemum</i> Light Pink	Sunrose, Light Pink	1	D	6"	18"	Orchid-pink	sun
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Candytuft, Evergreen	2	E,W	10"	24"	White	sun
<i>Juniperus chinensis procumbens nana</i>	Juniper, Green Mound Dwarf	1	E,W	12"	30"	N/A	sun
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Blue Chip'	Juniper, Blue Chip	1	E,W	10"	8'	N/A	sun
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Icee Blue'	Juniper, Icee Blue	2	E,W	3"	8'	N/A	sun
<i>Juniperus sabina</i> 'Broadmoor'	Juniper, Broadmoor	1	E,W	15"	8'	N/A	sun
<i>Juniperus sabina</i> 'Buffalo'	Juniper, Buffalo	1	E,W	15"	8'	N/A	sun

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Juniperus sabina 'Calgary Carpet'	Juniper, Calgary Carpet	1	E,W	15"	8'	N/A	sun/pt shd
Mahonia repens	Holly, Creeping Colorado	1	E,F,W	15"	18"	Yellow	shade
Rosmarinus officinalis 'Irene'	Rosemary, Irene	1	D	18"	4'	Blue-violet	sun
Sagina subulata	Pearlwort	2	D	1/2"	12"	White	shade
Santolina chaemaecyparissus	Lavender Cotton	1	D	15"	18"	Yellow	sun
Santolina rosmarinifolia	Lavender Cotton, Green	1	D	15"	18"	Yellow	sun
Thymus citriodorus 'Doone Valley'	Thyme, Doone Valley Lemon	2	E,W	3"	18"	Pink	sun
Thymus lanuginosus	Thyme, Woolly	1	E,W	2"	18"	N/A	sun
Thymus praecox arcticus	Thyme, Mother of	2	E,W	3"	18"	Pink	sun/pt shd
Thymus praecox 'Minus'	Thyme, Dwarf Creeping	2	E,W	1"	12"	Pink	sun/pt shd
Thymus praecox 'Pink Chintz'	Thyme, Pink Chintz Creeping	1	E,W	1"	18"	Pink	sun
Thymus praecox skorpilii	Thyme, Lavender Creeping	2	E,W	1"	6"	Lavender	sun
Thymus 'Reiter'	Thyme, Reiter Creeping	1	E,W	3"	30"	Salmon	sun
Thymus serpyllum 'Albus'	Thyme, Creeping White	2	E,W	1"	18"	White	sun/pt shd
Veronica allionii	Speedwell, Allioni	2	D	5"	18"	Lavender-blue	sun
Veronica filiformis	Speedwell, Birdseye	1	D	1"	18"	Blue	sun
Veronica liwanensis	Speedwell, Turkish	1	D	1"	8"	Blue	sun
Veronica pectinata	Speedwell, Blue Woolly	1	D	1"	18"	Blue	sun
Veronica pectinata 'Rubra'	Speedwell, Pink Woolly	1	D	1"	18"	Pink	sun
Veronica prostrata 'Blue Danube'	Speedwell, Blue Creeping	2	D	6"	12"	Blue	pt shade
Veronica prostrata 'Heavenly Blue'	Speedwell, Creeping	2	D	6"	12"	Blue	pt shade
Veronica repens	Speedwell, Creeping	2	D	1/2"	18"	Blue	pt shade
Veronica spicata incana	Speedwell, Silver	1	D	1"	18"	Blue	sun
Vinca major	Periwinkle, Big-Leaf	2	D	9"	18"	Blue	pt shade
Vinca minor 'Bowles Variety'	Periwinkle, Bowles	2	D	5"	18"	Blue	adapt

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**KEY**

\*=Appropriate for drainages

**Water**

0=No supplemental water after establishment

1=Low supplemental water after establishment

2=Moderate supplemental water after establishment

3=High supplemental water after establishment

**Foliage**

D=Deciduous

E=Evergreen

F=Fall color

W=Winter interest