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SUBJECT: WEST ORANGE PLAZA

I would like to set up a meeting with landscape architect to discuss my issues

1. Areas along roads more trees need to be planted and pollinator gardens installed to help mute the environmental impact.
2. Along the perimeter of the property there are many dead trees that should be removed for safety. Also, Japanese knotweed should be controlled around the perimeter.
3. Parking lot island and entrance way to whole foods from prospect need to be expanded because the trees won't do well with the size of the beds. Also, I would like to see more islands added within the parking lot to help reduce heat islands and water retention.
4. I am concerned about run off from the roofs. I am not seeing anything on the plan for containing additional water from the site and returning to ground water.
5. I don't see any irrigation in landscape beds. I think it will need to ensure long term health of the trees and shrubs.

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