

To: **Environmental Commission**

Through: **Dave Schletty, Asst. Parks and Rec. Director**  
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From: **Melissa Sonnek, Comm. Dev. Coordinator**

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## **Case 19-12 - Site Plan for an Expansion at St. Croix Lutheran Academy**

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### **REQUEST:**

Review Site Plan and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council.

### **BACKGROUND:**

St. Croix Lutheran Academy has submitted a site plan application for an expansion of the existing academic building and its chapel building. The expansion will not increase the overall number of students attending the school, but rather allow for additional space for the fine arts program. There is also an “alternate expansion”, which the applicant hopes to find additional funding for during the time period between the approvals and construction. If additional funding is not able to be obtained, this portion may not be built.

The submitted plans call for the removal of two existing quality trees (one pine and one maple) that equate out to 34 caliper inches (18 inches and 16 inches). As is required by the City Code, the applicant is replacing 30 percent of those trees with four over-story trees (Imperial Honey Locust) quality trees totaling to 10 caliper inches. In addition to the quality trees, measuring 2.5 caliper inches and above, the applicant is proposing to plant six coniferous shrubs (Scandia Juniper) and 16 deciduous shrubs (Emerald Mound Honeysuckle) in addition to the site’s existing landscaping.

Staff has hired a third-party engineering firm to review the grading and stormwater plans for the site.

If the Environmental Committee has any further recommendations, please provide them for Planning Commission and City Council.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Plans

### **TIMELINE:**

October 15: Planning Commission public hearing

October 28: City Council public hearing