



Briarbrook Morgan's Grant Community Association

March Road
Sign Improvement
Greening Replacement
Spring 2012

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BMGCA *representing the 4800+ households in Briarbrook – Brookside – Morgan's Grant in Kanata North*

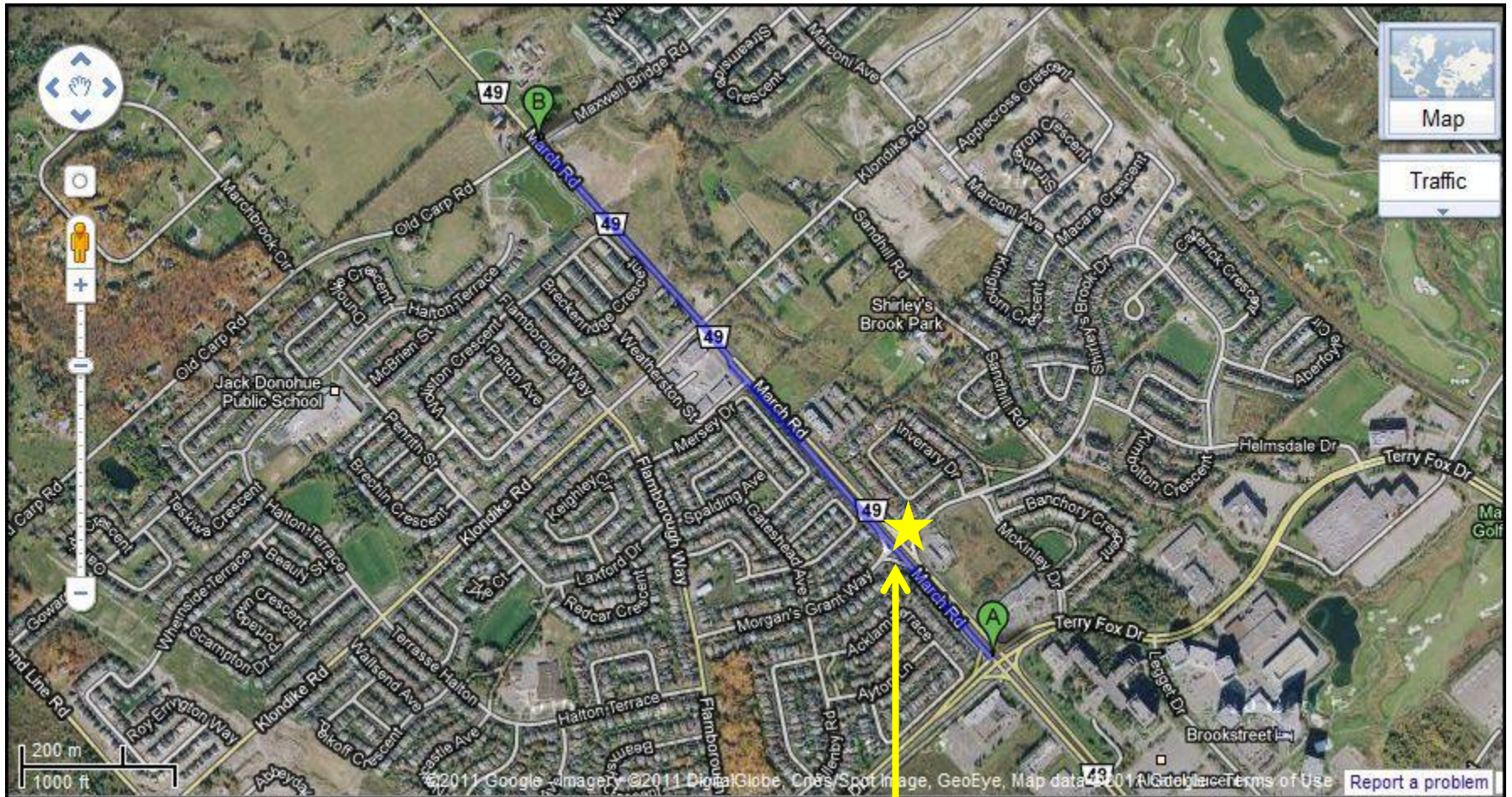
- Many new residents – almost 5,000 households!
- Committed volunteer BMGCA executive team
- Good communications – print and social media during last 12 months and expected to continue
 - Updated website in 2011
 - BMGCA Bugler – newsletter printed 4x in 2011 (QTY 3000)
 - E-mail distribution list: 325
 - Facebook group: 350+
 - Facebook page: 192 “likes”
- Current BMGCA *paid membership* approximately 200
 - 2011 membership renewals: 108 (Jan-Sept)
 - “Lapsed” membership: 167

BMGCA – An Active and Committed Community

- Spring and Fall Community Clean-up programs
- Adopt-a-Roadway programs:
 - March Road – Terry Fox Drive to Maxwell Bridge Road
 - Breckenridge Crescent
 - Macara Crescent
- Community tree planting and other greening experience and projects underway
- General meetings 6 times/year
- Winter and Spring Community events



Adopted section of March Road



March Road from Terry Fox Drive to Maxwell Bridge Road/Halton Terrace

Spring 2012 Sign Replacement
<http://g.co/maps/ar5xp>

Spring 2012 Greening Focus Area

- Briarbrook community identity sign replacement
 - Old sign (pictured) not initially intended to be a community marker sign
 - Located at corner of March Road and Shirley's Brook Drive
<http://g.co/maps/ar5xp>
 - Old, worn and not projecting the right image the community deserves
 - BMGCA received input from community members to repair or remove
 - As sign was not in a condition for "improvement, sign was removed in Summer 2011



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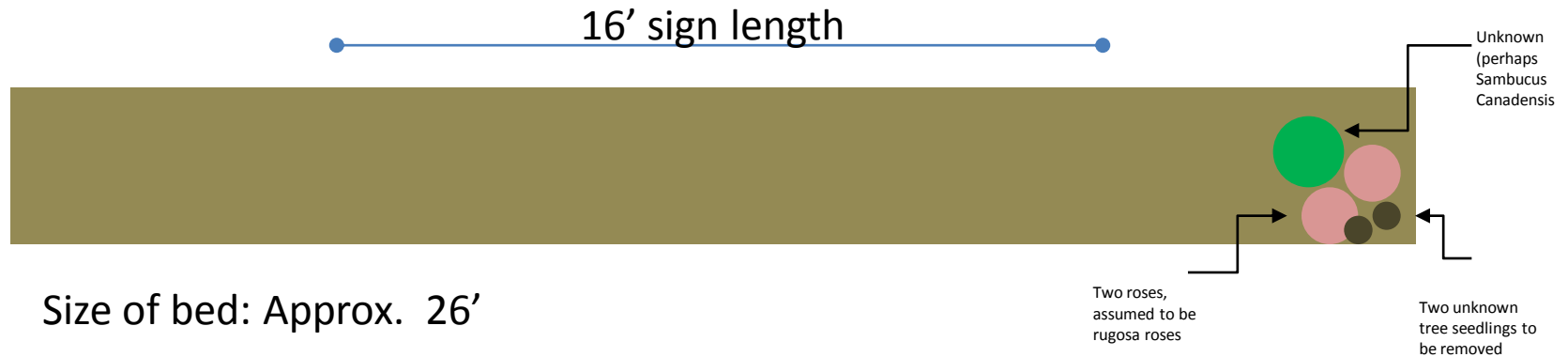
- New sign installation
 - Proposed design (pictured):
 - 4' x 16'
 - ½" PVC background
 - ½" PVC letters
 - Life expectancy: 15-20 years
 - Colours: Black and white
- Installation options: on fence or on posts
- Landscaping in green space near sign (shrubs, landscaping boulders, etc.)



Cost for sign: \$2,000

Schematic of area for proposed replacement landscaping

Existing plant material:

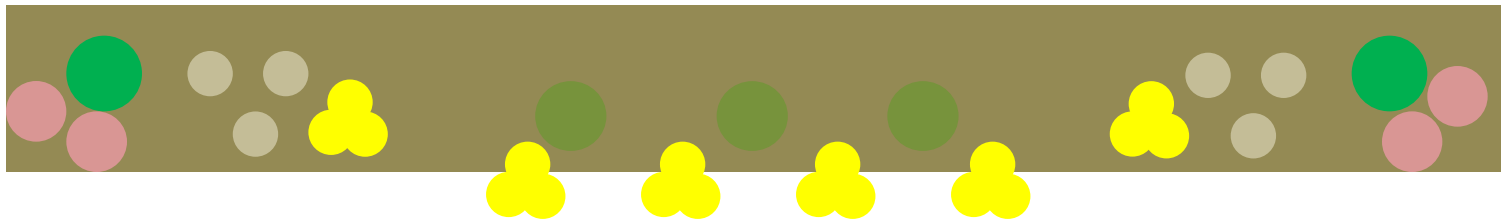







Dimensions of fence and greenspace:

- Height of fence: 7ft 7inch (there is a metal band that lines the top and bottom of the fence that is 2.5 inches each)
- Length of fence: 49ft 7 inch
- Middle of fence to curb: 16 ft
- Existing shrub/tree to curb: 8ft 4inch (this takes into account the curve of the curb)

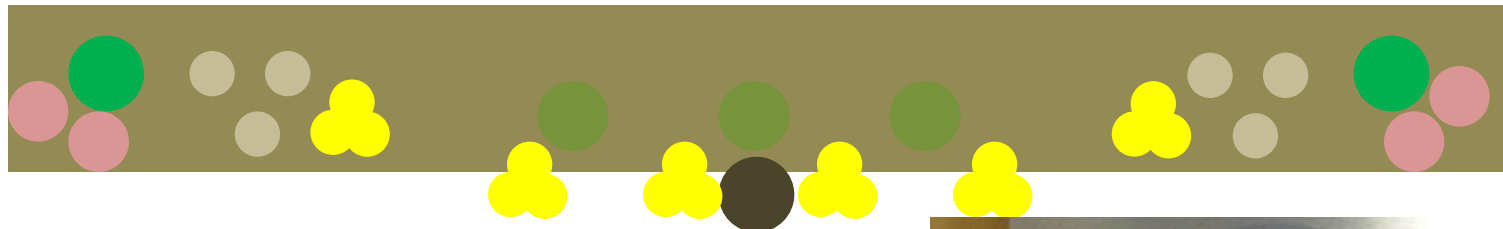
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Proposed planting:



-  Match existing shrub with same species, (believed to be Diablo Ninebark *Physocarpus opulifolius* "Diablo") – QTY 1
-  Match existing rose with same species – QTY 2
-  Feather Reed Grass, “Karl Forrester” – QTY 2 or 6 (depending upon size of bed)
-  Northern Bush Honeysuckle – QTY 3
-  Daffodils – (naturalizing – QTY – 6 dozen)

Proposed recognition for those supporting the project:



Composite cast bronze plaque to be installed at front edge of landscaped bed, at approximately 2-4" from soil level. Height of 8" for a total of 12" at top of plaque from soil level. Plaque will be mounted on a stone (approx. Size 20" x 20" x 20") that will be embedded into the soil.

Sign to have BMGCA logo and text that reads:
June 1, 2012 Briarbrook community identity improvement project partners: BMGCA, Royal LePage Gale Real Estate, Mortgage Brokers Ottawa and Rick and Associates.



Materials and work plan

- Soil – qty TBD
- Mulch - qty TBD
- Newspapers (weed control)
- Plant material
- 5-7 volunteers X 4 hours = 20-30 hours work
- Summer watering volunteers 2012
- Fall weeding volunteers 2012
- Determine existing shrub species
- Order plant material
- Calculate and order qty of soil and mulch
- Remove sod, remove from site, prepare soil
- Install plant material
- Water
- Install newspapers & mulch
- Water

All materials to be purchased by the BMGCA with funding already received for community greening projects from Trinity Development.

Maintenance Plan

- During Fall community clean up:
- Trim Diablo Ninebark as required
- Inspect for invasive plants and nuisance plants:
 - Burdock
 - Buckthorn
 - Dog Strangling Vine
 - Other weeds
- Remove weeds
- During Spring community clean up:
- Trim Feather Reed Grass
- Inspect for invasive plants and nuisance plants:
 - Garlic Mustard
 - Burdock
 - Buckthorn
 - Dog Strangling Vine
 - Other weeds
- Remove weeds

Estimated time for annual maintenance: 2 hours/year, to be completed by community volunteers. On-going monitoring and removal of graffiti as required.