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Hello,

Recently I had a conversation with Ryan Deshields, a local bamboo grower and collector. We met at the end of North Harrison street, the site where the Eucalyptus trees were removed.

Our discussion comprised of the feasibility to use clumping bamboo as the primary windbreak for the site. We discussed the soil requirements, water intake, sun and wind exposure and the mentholated oils and acids dropped by the leaves, bark and seed pods of the Eucalyptus trees.

The principal problems with the site are the sun, wind and the soil conditions. Clumping varieties of bamboo need large amounts of rich composted loam and water, and are delicate to wind and sun. We can add composted material and water lines to the site.

Ryan also recommended we remove the stumps and use root barriers near the gates.

We are both in agreement that bamboo should not be used as the primary source for a windbreak at this location. If other trees or large shrubs were used as a screen behind the bamboo, then the bamboo could be used as an accent that would be pleasing to the eye and become a part of the overall windbreak as everything matures.

Ryan and I are compiling a list of trees, shrubs and bamboos that will be compatible with this location.

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