



Spring for Rye!

- What:** Spring for Rye is a community initiative to plant 200 native trees across the four campuses of the Rye City School District.
- Why:** Native trees are critical for our environment. They give off oxygen, provide shade, and support native pollinators and wildlife. Importantly, they also drink thousands of gallons of water --- reducing storm water runoff and the effects of flooding.
- Where:** Trees will be planted at the Rye High School/Middle School, Osborn, Milton, and Midland elementary schools. See attached maps for details. All plans have been reviewed and approved by RCSD facilities team with an eye toward field use, security, aesthetics, and other impacts. Rye Sustainability Committee has given their strong support as well.
- Who:** While trees will be planted and maintained by professional landscapers & arborists, this is a community initiative. We are inviting schools, families, sports teams, businesses, and community organizations to participate in a variety of ways. If you're interested in writing a check, getting your hands dirty, or participating in an educational session to better understand the role of trees in our community, there is a spot for you.
- How Much:** The total cost of the project is \$200K. This includes removing existing invasives, transporting & planting the trees, and care & irrigation for the first year. Because these trees are natives, their long-term care can be absorbed by RCSD maintenance budget once they are established.
- We are asking the parent organizations for each of the five schools to provide a significant contribution toward "seed funding". Following that initial investment, we will raise the remaining funds by giving families, sports teams, businesses, and community organizations the opportunity to "adopt a tree" and be recognized with a plaque.
- When:** Our goal is raise funds this Spring with a plan to plant the RHS/RMS campus in late Spring 2023; one elementary school in Fall 2023, and the remaining schools in Spring 2024.

***For more information about Spring for Rye
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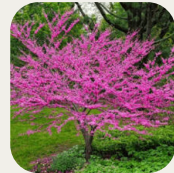
Rye Middle & High School Tree Map



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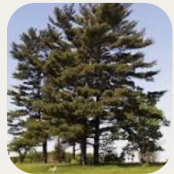
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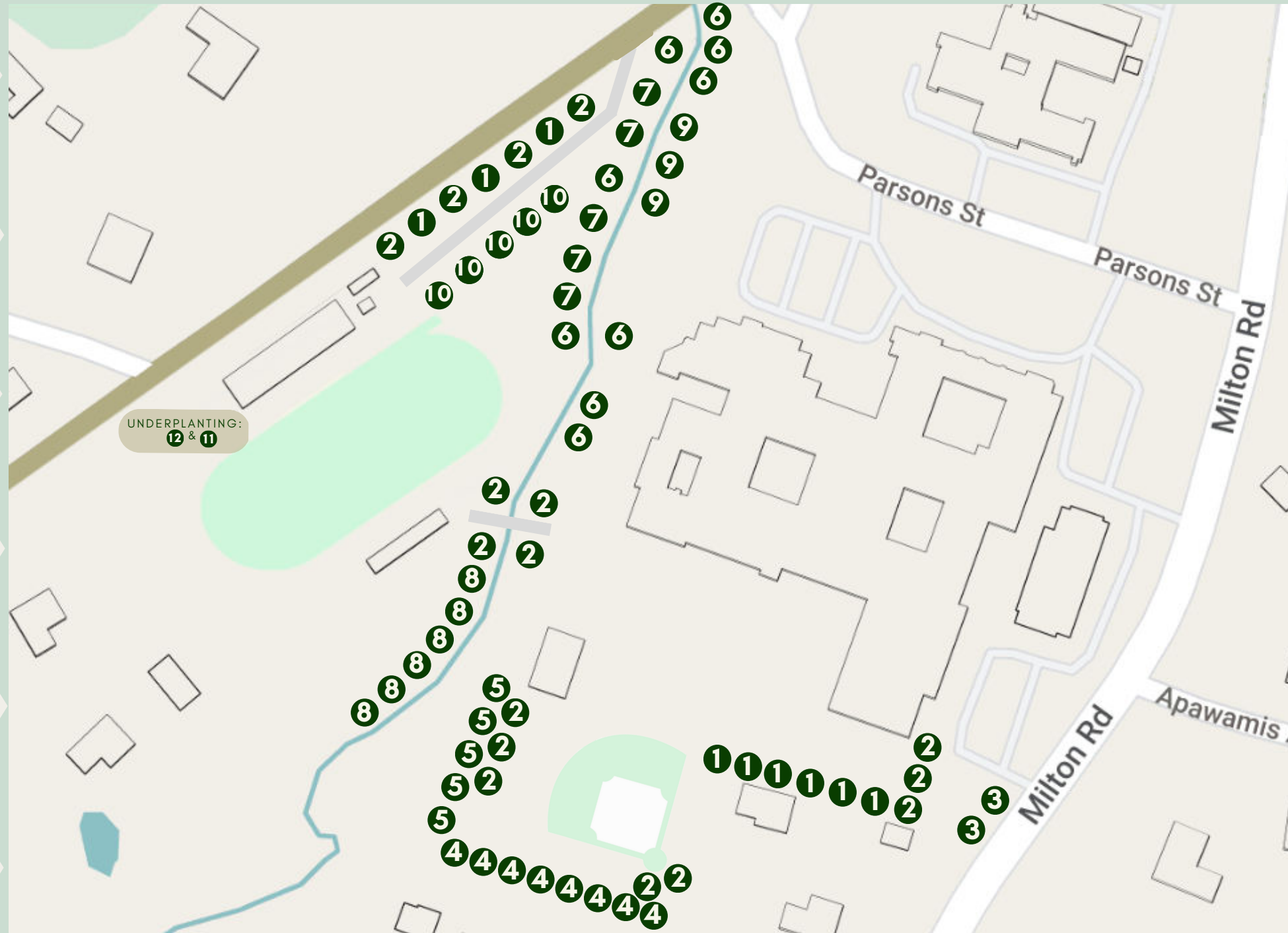
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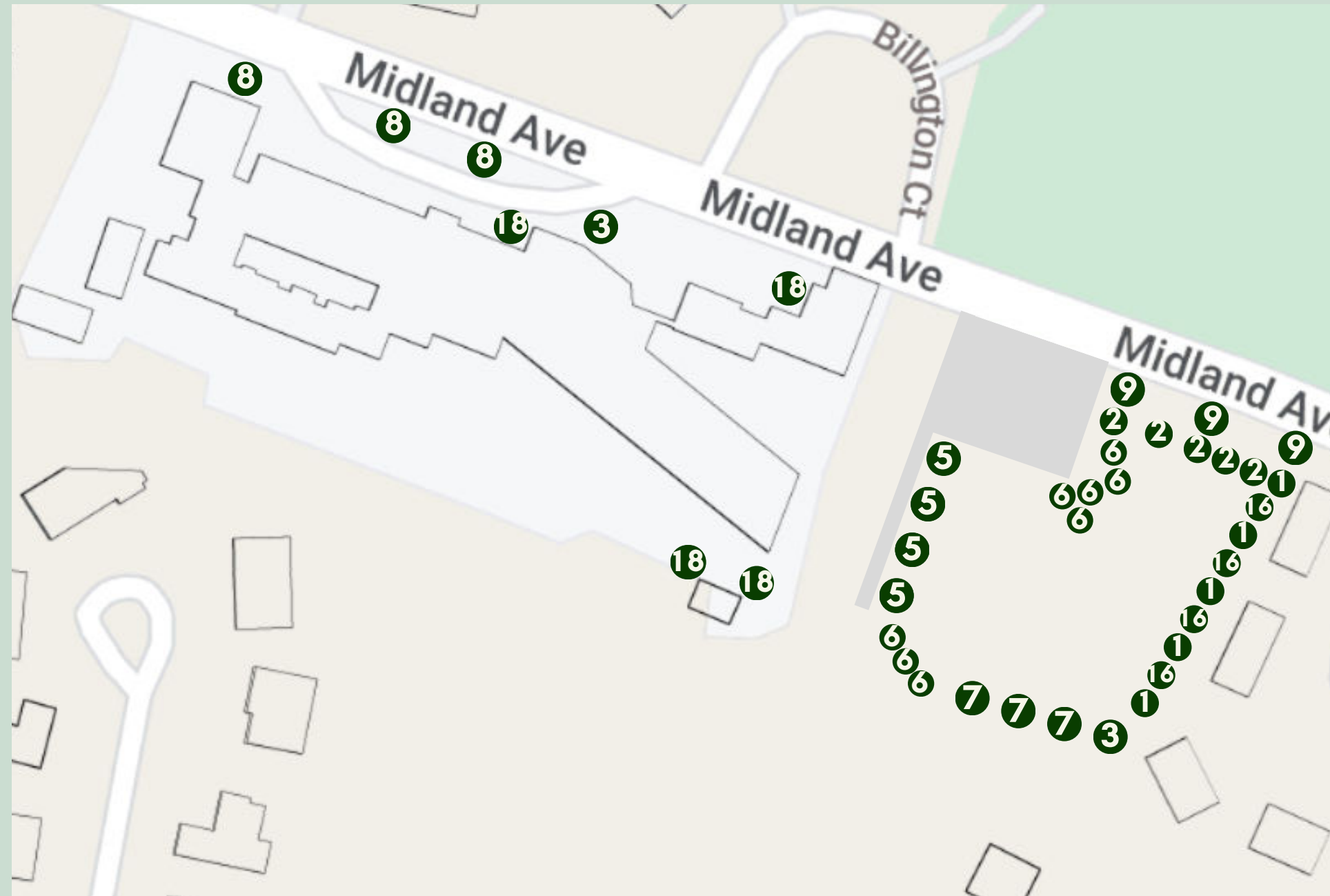
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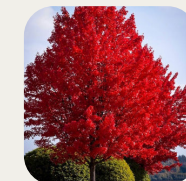
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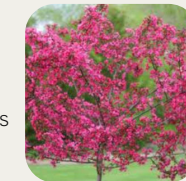
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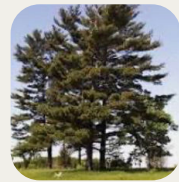
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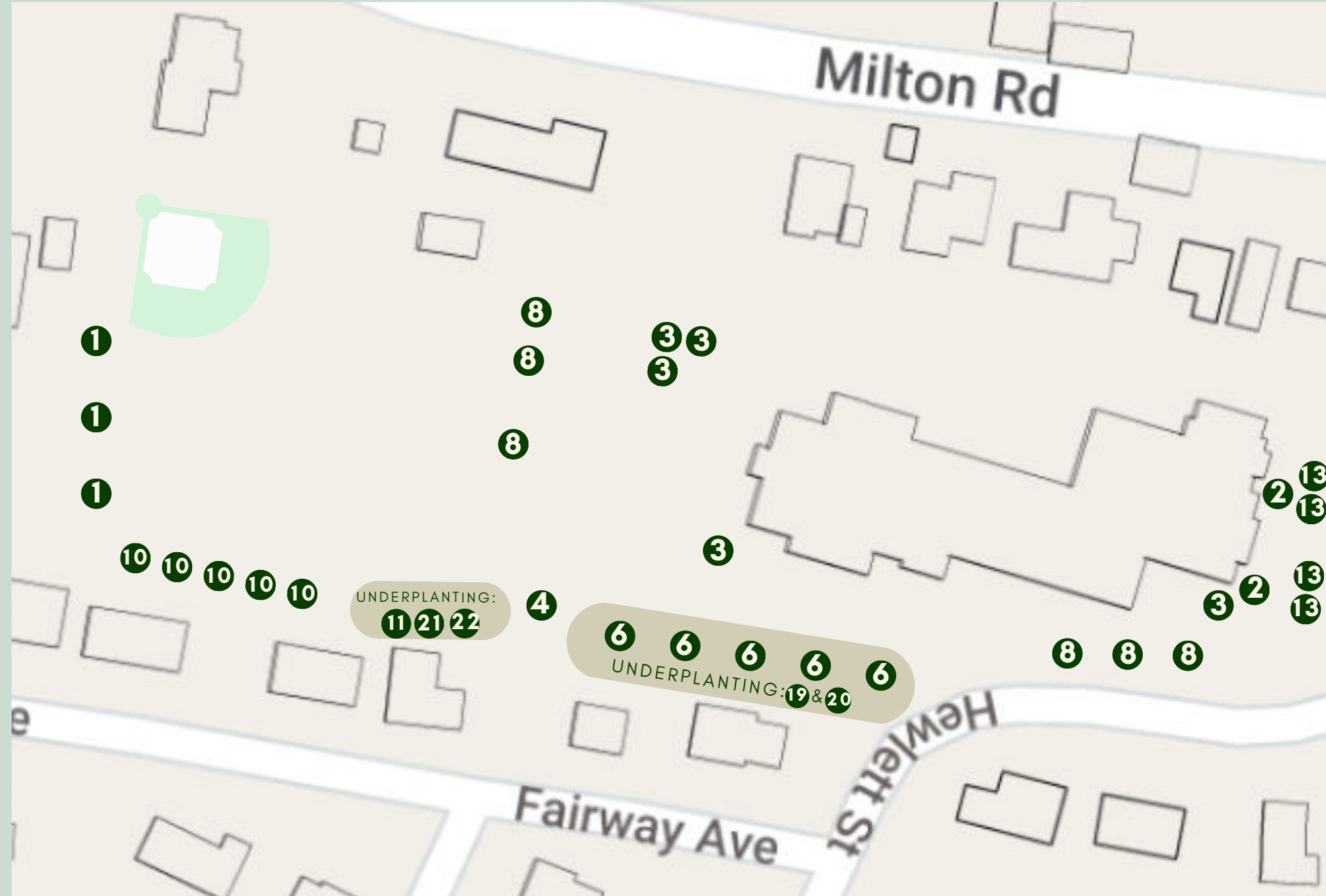
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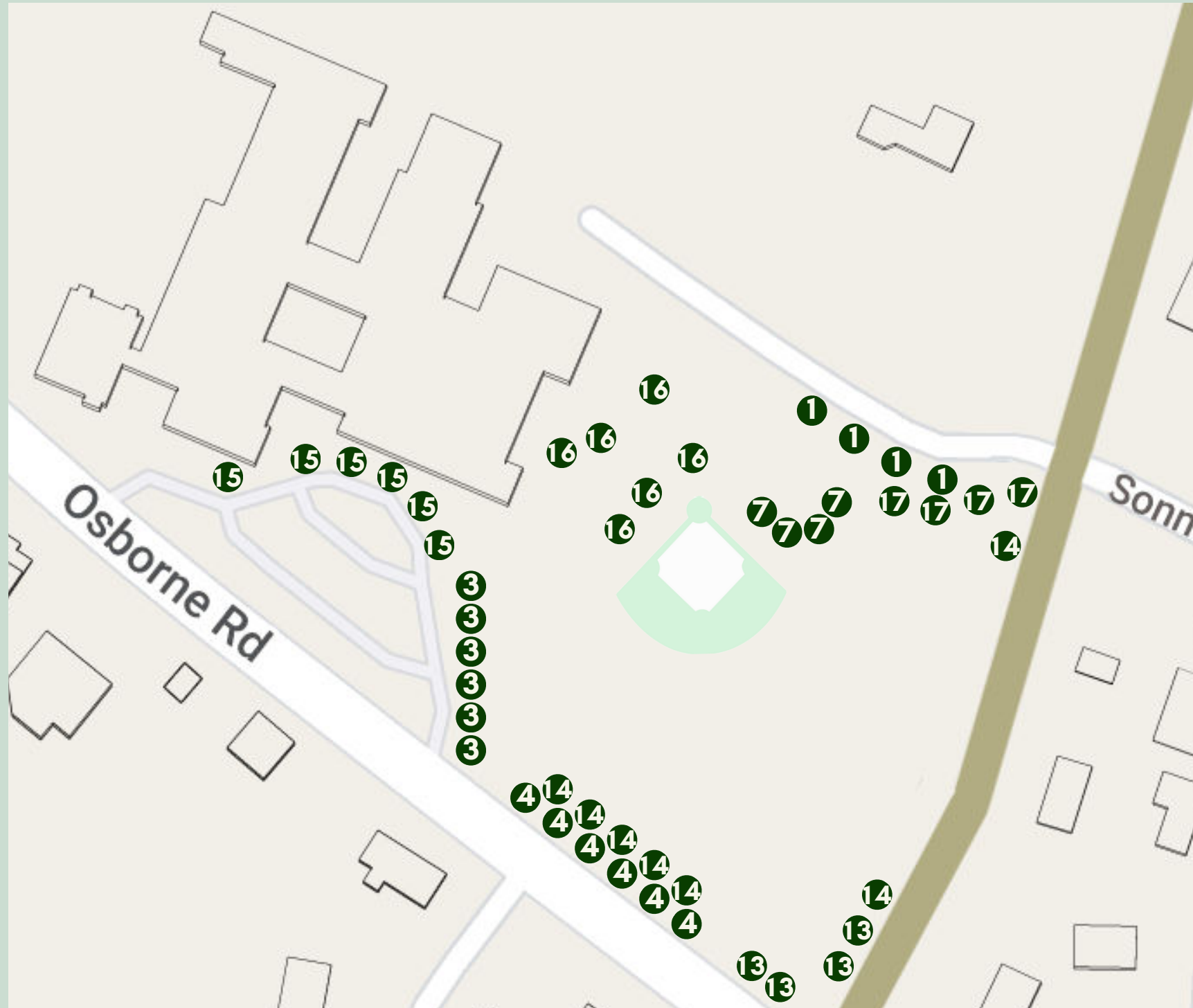
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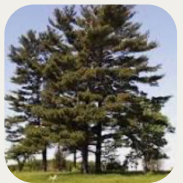
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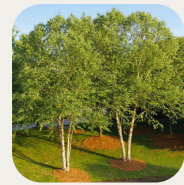
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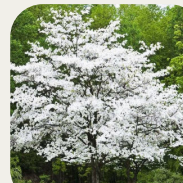
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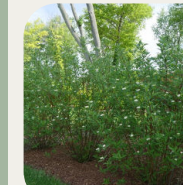
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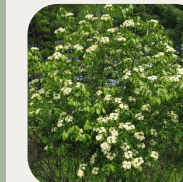
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