

Memorandum

Date: May 15, 2009
To: Members of the Main Street Monroe/Downtown Development Authority
From: Andrea Jones, Main Street Manager
Re: Tree Grate Recommendation

The tree grates have been replaced with mulch where the new trees have been planted downtown this spring and last fall. There have been some complaints about the tree grates which sparked the testing of another option. After discussion over the past several months of other options for the base of the downtown trees, the Design Committee **recommends that the tree grates stay**. This recommendation is based on the idea that the tree grates are already purchased, planting anything at the base of trees would compete with the tree for water and the mulch is too messy and still has litter. Leaving the base free of other plantings also makes it easier to spray weed killer. I will forward any recommendation from the MSM/DDA to City of Monroe staff.

Thank you.