

North Bethany *Main Street*



Landscaping

Explanation:

Washington County's existing code already requires a 5-foot landscape strip along parking lot boundaries. This is an appropriate standard for the space between parking and sidewalks within the Main Street area. Stormwater planters or low impact development (LIDA) facilities should be allowed to serve a dual function as attractive landscaping.

Loading areas should be screened to reduce their visual impact.

Safe and comfortable paths should be provided through parking lots.

County screening and buffering standards apply where NCMU sites are adjacent to residential sites.

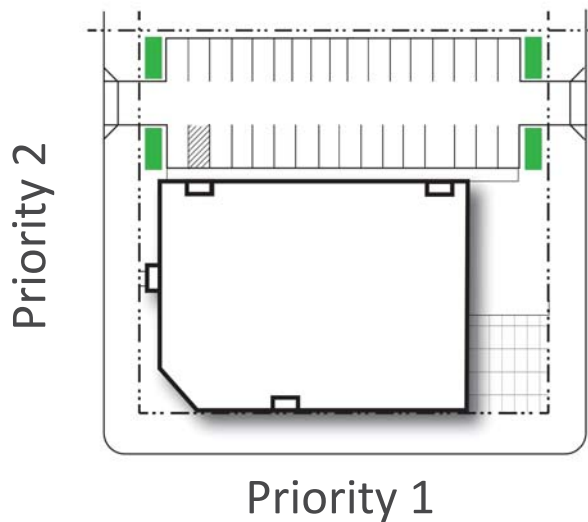


Parking and loading behind building



Recommendation:

- Stormwater planters can serve as required landscaping.
- Require landscape screen (6-foot tall shrubs or fencing) between loading areas and sidewalks
- Require pedestrian connections from sidewalks to building entrances, through parking lots for any block which has less than 50% building frontage.



Priority 2

Priority 1