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Regarding landscaping and hardscaping for the purpose of beautification

Effective immediately, section 2-136.00 is revised as attached.

PURPOSE: To clarify the standard landscaping policy.

2-136.00 LANDSCAPING

The cost of landscaping and hardscaping for the purpose of beautification may be limited to 5% of the total project estimate. This amount should not include any landscaping or vegetation required for environmental mitigation or standard practices such as sodding slopes on urban projects; stamped concrete; and decorative facing on retaining walls, bridge columns, parapets, and pedestrian curb ramps.

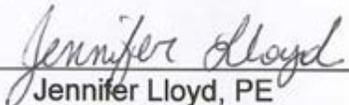
On projects where substantial beautification is proposed the Design Manager will request the Bid Analysis and & Estimating Office to verify the cost as a percentage of the total project using the latest estimate available. Projects requiring landscaping and/or hardscaping due to a prior commitment where the cost of the landscaping and/or hardscaping cost exceed 5%, the Design Manager should notify the Director of Project Development for guidance.

The local government may include additional landscaping plans at the local government's expense. In this case, the local government is responsible for notifying the design manager by the constructability field review of this intention and for providing a landscaping plan sealed and signed by a Registered Landscape Architect and the designer shall only be responsible for adding "Landscaping Plan Sheet, L1" to the plans index and adding a note to the appropriate proposed sheets:

NOTE: LANDSCAPING PLAN NOT SHOWN, SEE L SERIES SHEETS

Landscaping shall not cause a sight distance or clear zone conflict. See the Environmental Division – Beautification Office's **Landscape Design Guidelines** for roadside landscaping details. The document may be viewed at:

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/environment/beautification/landscapedesign.htm>


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