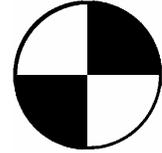




# Highway Division DIRECTIVE



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SUBJECT  <b>Ornamental Landscaping</b>	APPROVED SIGNATURE  /s/ John Rosenberger	

**PURPOSE:**

To establish process to review and approve installation and maintenance of ornamental landscaping along state highways.

**GUIDELINES:**

When a local agency requests ornamental landscaping be included in a highway construction or maintenance project, the ongoing additional cost of maintenance of the landscaped area must be borne by the local agency.

Extensive ornamental landscaping will not be installed on state highways unless the local agency agrees to assume responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the landscaped area. ODOT may provide funds to the local agency in the amount estimated to maintain the area at the ordinary landscaped level, but the responsibility to perform the maintenance will fall to the local agency.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Ornamental Landscaping: landscaping beyond minimal, ordinary landscape necessary for the protection of the highway and control of roadside erosion (hydroseeding of bare slopes). Wetland mitigation is not considered ornamental landscaping for the purpose of this directive.

Extensive Ornamental Landscaping: ornamental landscaping beyond the landscape maintenance labor and equipment resources of the department.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Local Agency: Requests ornamental landscaping on a highway project.
- Project Team Leader:
  - In consultation with the appropriate District Manager, determines if requested landscaping is beyond ordinary landscaping. If so, negotiates the level of ornamental landscaping and method of funding with local agency.
  - Coordinates the writing of documents necessary to support the agreement with the local agency.
  - Notifies Landscape Design to include the agreed upon landscape elements in the project design.