

Natural Landscape Implementation Plan – September 2007

Implementation Plan Element	Complete	Not Complete Reason	Lead Agency	Staff Recommendations for 2018
(see attachment 1 for list)				
1. Adopt Policy Plan amendment (Public Facilities, Countywide Objectives and Policies, Objective 6, Policies a.-e.) to require use of natural landscaping practices in public facilities design, construction and maintenance.	Partially – Text supportive of natural landscaping added to the Environment section of the Policy Plan in 2007. Text not added to Public Facilities section.	Unknown	DPZ	Board authorize an amendment to the Policy Plan volume of the Comprehensive Plan to add policy support for natural landscaping and other environmentally-friendly techniques for public facilities and sites. The amendment would then be placed on the Plan Amendment Work Program.
2. Senior agency and school staff, the ECC and the County Executive provide support and promote policies and standards for natural landscaping to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, School Board and Park Authority Board and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and Public Facilities Manual. These policies and standards should require the use of natural landscaping for public facilities and promote its use by residents, businesses and organizations.	Partially – See above re: Plan text; Additional Policy Plan text is recommended for the Public Facilities section. The Natural Landscape Manual will be used by county staff.	Unknown	DPZ/DPWES	Board Adopt draft policy plan text and Natural Landscape Manual text (See Exhibits 1 & 2). Natural Landscape Manual should be used as a reference document for site and facility maintenance, renovation and development.
3. Undertake three to four pilot projects under the oversight of the Natural Landscaping Committee in consultation with professional staff within agencies to demonstrate natural landscaping techniques and principles to staff and the public.	Complete – Dozens of pilot projects have been implemented		FMD UFMD BDCD Parks	

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4. Form a standing group or team of knowledgeable staff that has expertise in natural landscaping and related practices and can provide consultation and education to county staff. The standing natural landscaping group or team will be involved in reviewing the program implementation for county projects to provide input and ensure incorporation of natural landscaping practices.	Partially –UFMD and Stormwater provide consultation and review, but a formal committee is not currently active.		DPWES UFMD Parks	Form a core team of professional staff coordinated by UFMD under Community of Practice detailed in the Tree Action Plan 2.0 to include staff from FMD, DPWES, the Park Authority and NVSWCD. They will promote and provide review of natural landscaping and related practices.
5. Agencies identify staff members to become in-house specialists to provide consultation and education at the agency level. Designated agency level specialists would be consulted regularly for project planning, implementation, maintenance, and monitoring.	Partially – UFMD provides overall plan review and consultation for tree preservation and landscape plans to ensure conformance with PFM		UFMD Parks	
6. Make the incorporation and application of natural landscaping methods and principles part of the county corporate culture, and include natural landscaping implementation in the performance criteria of key implementation staff at the agency and site level for use in annual evaluations.	Partially – UFMD and Park staff have access to continuing education credits for ecological restoration.			

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7. Include NL principles as an integral part of design for new facilities and major renovations.	Complete		DPWES Parks	
8. Provide funding annually to support evaluations, planning and retrofitting of existing facilities using NL practices. Make funding available to agencies on a competitive basis with oversight from the NL standing work group/team/committee.	Incomplete – No funding is allocated for county or Park Authority facility maintenance or retrofits except for stormwater facilities to meet county permit and regulatory requirements.			Provide recurring/annual funding for the maintenance of county and Park Authority facilities to allow natural landscaping implementation and to sustain levels of service and benefits provided for the public.
9. Agencies evaluate all sites using the natural landscaping site evaluation checklist included in the “Fairfax County Natural Landscaping Manual” and generate a list of areas for improvement that will be used as the foundation for future project planning.	Incomplete		DPWES Parks	Once maintenance funding is made available incorporate use of Natural Landscaping Manual into annual facility condition assessments and develop lists of potential improvements to be implemented.
10. Agencies select a limited number of pilot projects for first few years implementation. By limiting the number of projects, agency and county staff can focus their efforts to ensure project success and quality.	Complete		DPWES - BDCD FMD DPWES – UFMD Parks	

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11. Agencies implement natural landscaping renovations on the broadest possible scale following pilot project completion in the first few years of implementation.	Capital improvement projects.		DPWES Parks	To be implemented as funding is made available to support maintenance and retrofits.
12. Agency staff at the site level constantly looks for ways to improve site performance from a natural landscaping perspective by implementing low cost and simple measures.	Complete		DPWES – UFMD DPWES – BDCD Parks	See #4 above
13. Agencies monitor sites and facilities to ensure proper construction and installation of natural landscaping practices and to measure performance over time. Maintain quantitative data based on monitoring program at the Agency level to be reported annually.	Partially Complete – monitoring data is not reported annually for all natural landscaping		DPWES Parks	See #9 above