



Project Rating Criteria

Applicant: _____ County: _____ District: _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (worth 4 points) Applicant's concept is descriptive, easily understandable, and concise.

_____ (maximum 1 point) The concept briefly explains why this location was chosen for roadside beautification and the project's relevance to the community.

_____ (maximum 2 points) The concept addresses how the Department's landscape policy 6755-9, Landscaping on D.O.T. Right of Way, applies directly to this project site, such as appropriate tree setbacks, use of native plant material, and the restricted use of invasive plant material.

_____ (maximum 1 point) The narrative explains how the applicant plans to implement plan development and installation if awarded a grant.

2. LOCATION MAP (worth 3 points)

_____ (maximum 3 points) The map clearly locates the project site in relation to nearby intersecting roads, major structures, landmarks, bodies of water, and any other identifying points. The map includes a north arrow. Boundaries of the project are clearly delineated.

3. SITE ANALYSIS (worth 10 points)

_____ (maximum 5 points) The 6 informative color photographs provide a good picture of existing conditions from several vantage points and are properly labeled.

_____ (maximum 2 points) Existing site features such as guard rail, signs, or steep slopes that are clearly indicated using the text labels, a simple plan drawing, and/or a narrative.

_____ (maximum 3 points) Existing vegetation that is to remain and that is to be removed is clearly indicated.

4. PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE DRAWING (worth 15 points) The applicant has clearly indicated what the project entails with a simple plan drawing.

_____ (maximum 5 points) The drawing indicates the intended locations of trees, shrub and groundcover masses, and grass. The drawing has to be to scale and indicate estimated quantities and locations of each plant. A typical cross section may be included in the application package if the applicant believes it will provide additional clarification.

_____ (maximum 3 points) The plan includes the speed limit, horizontal clearance per policy 6755-9, a north arrow and no invasive plant species.

_____ (maximum 5 points) The plan lists the proposed plant material, including the botanical names of the plants.

_____ (maximum 2 points) The plan emphasizes native trees and other native plant material where feasible.

5. COST ESTIMATE (worth 3 points)

_____ (maximum 3 points) The cost estimate for initial installation appears to be realistic for the project as described and the applicant has an understanding of costs associated with the proposed project.

6. LONG TERM MAINTENANCE ACTION PLAN (worth 15 points) Applicant indicates a thorough understanding of the long term maintenance requirements and maintenance funding necessary for a successful project for this specific location and plant material.

_____ (maximum 5 points) The action plan clarifies who will monitor the maintenance, who will perform the maintenance and how often maintenance activities will occur.

_____ (maximum 5 points) The action plan addresses all maintenance needs for the specific project proposal such as, but not limited to, mowing, mulching, weed control, edging, future replacements, future repairs, watering, pruning, fertilizing, litter removal, etc.

_____ (maximum 5 points) The action plan provides realistic, long term cost projections and funding source.

_____ **TOTAL POINTS*** (out of 50)

Comments:

*minimum score of 40 points required for grant consideration