

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AT OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS

COMPLETE ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND RETURN WITH RENEWAL PAYMENT

SECTION A:

SIGN OWNER NAME & ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

VEGETATION PERMIT # _____ COUNTY: _____ STATE ROUTE: _____

PROPERTY OWNER NAME & ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SECTION B – ANNUAL VEGETATION MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE (For renewals only):

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX OR BOXES FOR EACH MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY THAT THIS SCHEDULE APPLIES TO:

CHEMICAL CONTROL

MOWING & TRIMMING

VISTA PRUNING

1. CHEMICAL CONTROL:

If chemicals will be used on the right of way, list the chemical name(s), rate(s) of application, method(s) of application, reason(s) for the proposal of chemical control, and pesticide applicator’s name & license # (Section D).

2. MOWING AND TRIMMING:

List the proposed mowing/trimming activities for vegetation less than 4’ in diameter, method of disposal of debris, and equipment to be used (Section D).

3. VISTA PRUNING:

List the proposed vista pruning activities for trees that are overhanging into the Target View Zone.

SECTION C:

a. CHEMICALS TO BE USED _____

1. RATE(S) OF APPLICATION _____

2. METHOD(S) OF APPLICATION _____

3. REASON(S) FOR THE PROPOSAL OF CHEMICAL CONTROL _____

b. PESTICIDE APPLICATOR’S LICENSE #/NAME _____

c. METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS _____

d. EQUIPMENT TO BE USED _____

e. PROPOSED MOWING/TRIMMING/PRUNING ACTIVITIES _____

GENERAL PROVISIONS

For all sites, the vegetative management requirements in the current edition of the vegetation management at outdoor advertising signs policy on file in the general office of the Department of Transportation, is made a part hereof by reference, and all provisions shown in the appendices, or attached hereto, during the maintenance of the permittee's Viewing Zone within the right of way.

At all times, the permittee shall install and maintain traffic control in accordance with the diagram in Appendix D – VM Activity Traffic Control or the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), current edition. A traffic control plan is required for work involving lane closure(s).

Access to the site shall be only from the mainline.

The permittee may use only those pesticides on the right of way which the Department has approved on the outdoor sign vegetative management permittee's annual renewal work plan.

It is the permittee's responsibility to verify the limits of right of way for maintenance of Viewing Zone of the permittee's sign authorized hereby.

No inherent or retained right or privilege of any abutting property owner is affected by this schedule, nor is the Department responsible for any claim which may develop between the outdoor sign vegetative management permittee and any property owner concerning use of the right of way.

The permittee shall give the Department a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice prior to beginning any site visits or work under this schedule.

The provisions of this schedule are regulatory and not contractual. No interest or right of an outdoor sign vegetative management permittee granted by this schedule may be transferred to another except by written consent of the Department. This vegetative maintenance schedule may be revoked at the pleasure of the Department upon written notice to the outdoor sign vegetative management permittee.

Erosion control shall be as directed by GDOT or per National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES Phase 2) standards and Best Management Practices (BMPS) consistent with the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission's manual for erosion and sediment control in Georgia. An erosion and sedimentation plan is not required unless the Viewing Zone is in or adjacent to an environmentally sensitive area such as a stream or wetland or as directed by the Area Permit Inspector. Vegetation management (VM) activity is considered construction activity and not silviculture for the purposes of work on the GDOT right of way. No tree removal or pruning shall be allowed within a stream buffer or wetland. The Department may reject a permit application if the permit review determines the proposed vegetation removal will jeopardize the stability of the slope or compromise erosion and sedimentation control.

A vegetation management permit placard must be displayed in a location clearly visible from the nearest travel lane during any vegetation management activities.

The Permittee shall keep the Department harmless against any and all loss, cost, damage, claim, expense of liability whatsoever because of accident or injury to persons or property of others occurring in connection with the performance of vegetation management services. It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that the Department's required minimum insurance coverage for the applicant, its agents, servants, officers, employees and contractors is current.

NOTE: Renewals are for routine maintenance of Target View Zones with previous Vegetation Management activity and are restricted to chemical control of invasive plants, mowing, and trimming of vegetation, sprouting from the ground, < four (4) inches in diameter. Vista Pruning of trees overhanging into the Target View Zone is allowed.

SECTION D:

I HAVE READ AND COMPREHEND THE DEPARTMENT'S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AT OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS POLICY, CURRENT EDITION AND ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY ON THE PERMIT SITE.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR ANNUAL RENEWAL PAYMENT ALONG WITH YOUR WORK PLAN? YES NO

by: _____
(Agent of Applicant Signature) (Agent's Printed or Typed Name)

(Agent's Title) DATE

WITNESS TO SIGNATURE:

(Signature) (Print or Type Name)

