

		<p align="center"><b>CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Policy No: COR-0405</b></p> <p align="center">Effective Date: 05/01/2017</p> <p align="center">Amended As Of:</p>
<i>SUBJECT</i>	<b>Boulevard Alteration Policy</b>	
<i>Department/Category</i>	<b>Public Works</b>	
<i>Related Documents</i>		

**PURPOSE**

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa encourages property owners to maintain the standard turf grass municipal boulevard in front of their property. Property owners wishing to install alternatives to sod shall follow the non-standard boulevard landscape treatment conditions as outlined in this policy.

**PRINCIPLES**

A municipal boulevard is the non travelled portion of the right of way immediately in front of private property. In urban areas, aside from driveway entrances, it is intended be a grassed surface in keeping with the typical roadway cross sections in the Township Development criteria. Boulevards contain buried and surface fixtures which include both municipal and non municipal services, including but not limited to watermains and services, sanitary sewer mains and services, gas, telephone, hydro etc. Maintenance of boulevards fronting private property is the responsibility of the resident; however, due the presence of the various services, certain restrictions are required for the surface treatment of the boulevard.

To ensure proper care and maintenance of boulevards and sidewalks, the boulevard enhancement policy provides a guideline for residents for non-standard boulevard landscape treatments.

**PROCEDURES**

1. The homeowner shall sign this policy below to attest they have read and will follow these guidelines and shall submit their signed policy to the Township for registration prior to commencing a boulevard garden.
2. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate all municipal services and utilities, such as water, sewer, gas, telephone, hydro, cable, telecommunications, etc. through Ontario One Call prior to commencing any works on the boulevard.
3. All boulevard gardens shall be limited to perennial or annual plant material and allowed to grow up to 60 centimetres (cm) or 24 inches (in) tall. Shrubs, noxious weeds and invasive plants are not permitted. Decomposable mulches are permitted; however, residents should follow proper mulch management

techniques to prevent the spread of termites in the community. Suggested plant materials are provided in Appendix 'A'. Salt tolerance should be a consideration when selecting plant material.

4. Property owners are not permitted to plant trees within the Township's boulevard without approval from the Township. Property owners interested in planting trees in the boulevard should contact the Public Works Department to discuss requirements for setbacks to curbs, sidewalks, driveways, drainage swales, buildings, underground and overhead utilities, and other trees.
5. Artificial turf is generally not permitted. Property owners interested in artificial turf should contact the Public Works Department to discuss requirements.
6. A 30 cm (12 inch) buffer for all plants shall remain in place for all sidewalks, curbs, road, and driveway edges. Manicured turf and mulches are the only acceptable materials within the 30 cm buffer. The surface of the mulch is not to extend above any adjacent sidewalk surface within the buffer. A minimum 1.2 metre (4 foot) buffer around all sides of a fire hydrant is to be maintained at all times.
7. The landscape treatment shall maintain positive surface drainage.
8. Property owners shall maintain their sidewalk, and curb/road free and clear of all vegetation, mulches and debris.
9. The Township reserves the right to require at any time with at least 30-calendar days notice that the boulevard be returned to turf grass at the property owner's expense, failing which, the Township will remove all non-compliant material and restore the boulevard to the turf grass standard at the owner's expense.
10. It is the responsibility of the property owner to locate their property line through their legal survey.
11. Retaining walls or fences shall be set back 0.3 metres from any property line abutting a street. Hedges shall be set back 1.0 metres from the front property line and in the case of a corner lot; hedges shall also be set back 1.0 metres from the side property line abutting the street. The Public Works Department can provide general guidance as to the property line location; however as previously noted it is as noted the property owners responsibility to locate their property line through legal survey.
12. Installations such as leashless dog fencing, in-ground irrigation systems, fencing, pavers or hard mulches such as pea gravel and rocks are not permitted on the boulevard.
13. In the event that emergency or unscheduled works are required that will disturb an existing boulevard garden, no notification will be provided.

14. In the event of scheduled boulevard works, Township staff will provide 30-calendar days notice to the property owner, giving them the opportunity to salvage plant material.
15. Following the unscheduled or scheduled boulevard works, the boulevard will be restored to the turf standard unless the property owner states their intent to re-establish the boulevard plantings within 30 calendar days, weather permitting, or reasonable date set by the Township in consultation with the property owner. Re-established boulevard gardens shall be in compliance with this policy and will be the sole responsibility of the property owner. Following the 30 day period or date set by the Township, if the plantings have not taken place, the Township will restore the boulevard to turf.
16. The Township assumes no responsibility for the cost of repairs of any damages to the garden on the boulevard.
17. The property owner shall maintain clear and easy access to all aboveground and underground services, including but not limited to, fire hydrants, water valves, Bell pedestals, telecommunications pedestals and handwells, and hydro transformer boxes.

## **Contact Information**

For more information about this policy, or questions related to accessibility at the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, please contact us:

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Township of Guelph/Eramosa  
8348 Wellington Road 124  
Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0  
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## **Schedules**

### **Schedule A – Boulevard Enhancement Application & Planting Guidelines**

Adopted by Council on:

## **Boulevard Enhancement Policy Application**

**I have read and understand the above policy and agree to abide by its conditions:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of Enhancements:

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Township Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please drop off a signed copy at the Township Office or via email to:**

Township of Guelph Eramosa  
P.O. Box 700  
8348 Wellington Road 124  
Rockwood, Ontario  
N0B 2K0  
Email: [lvince@get.on.ca](mailto:lvince@get.on.ca)

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## Planting Guidelines

Perennials (Plants in this list have salt tolerance to some degree)

Common Name	Latin Name	Sun Exposure
Alpine Pinks	Dianthus	Sun
Barren Strawberry	Waldsteinia ternate	Shade – Part Sun
Bellflower	Campanula	Sun – Part Sun
Blanket Flower	Gaillardia	Sun
Catmint	Nepeta	Sun
Christmas Fern	Polystichum acrostichoides	Shade – Part Sun
Coneflower	Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'	Sun – Part Sun
Cranesbill	Perennial Geranium	Sun – Part Sun - Shade
Creeping Phlox	Phlox subulata	Sun – Part Sun
Cushion Spurge	Euphorbia	Sun – Part Sun
Daylily	Hemerocallis	Sun – Part Sun
Dead Nettle	Lamium	Shade – Part Sun
English Lavender	Lavendula angustifolia	Sun
Evening Primrose	Oenothera	Sun
Evergreen Candytuft	Iberis sempervirens	Sun – Part Sun
False Spirea	Astilbe	Sun – Part Sun - Shade
Hens and Chicks	Sempervivums	Sun – Part Sun
Japanese Painted Fern	Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'	Shade – Part Sun
Lady in Red Fern	Athyrium augustrum forma rubellum	Shade
Lady's Mantle	Alchemilla mollis	Sun – Part Sun
Lambs Ear	Stachys byzantine	Sun – Part Sun
Little Spire Russian Sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Little Spire'	Sun
Lungwort	Pulmonaria saccharata	Shade – Part Sun
Oriental Poppy	Papaver orientale	Sun
Palace Purple Coral Bells	Heuchera micrantha 'Palace Purple'	Sun – Part Sun
Pig Squeak	Bergenia cordifolium	Sun – Part Sun - Shade
Plantain Lily	Hosta	Shade – Part Sun
Rock Cress	Arabis	Sun
Sapphire Blue Sea Holly	Eryngium amethystinum 'Sapphire Blue'	Sun
Sea Thrift	Armeria maritime	Sun
Silver Mound Wormwood	Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silver Mound'	Sun – Part Sun
Snow in Summer	Cerastium tomentosum	Sun
Soapwort	Saponaria	Sun – Part Sun
Speedwell	Veronica	Sun – Part Sun
Stonecrop	Sedum x 'Autumn Joy'	Sun
Thyme	Thymus	Sun
Tickseed	Coreopsis verticillata	Sun – Part Sun
Yarrow	Achillea	Sun

Ornamental Grasses (grasses in this list have salt tolerance to some degree)

Common Name	Latin Name	Sun Exposure
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca glauca</i>	Sun – Part Sun
Blue Oat Grass	<i>Helictotrichon</i>	Sun – Part Sun
Hakone Grass	<i>Hakonechloa macra</i>	Shade – Part Sun
Lily Turf	<i>Liriope muscari</i>	Sun – Shade
Little Bunny Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i> 'Little Bunny'	Sun – Part Sun