



# Board of County Commissioners

2401 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, Florida 34996

## Agenda Item Summary

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**File ID:** 20-0173

**DEPT-4**

**Meeting Date:** 12/17/2019

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**PLACEMENT:** Departmental

**TITLE:**

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR ROADS AND BUILDINGS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On September 28th, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) directed staff to prepare a presentation on the County's landscape maintenance standards for roads and buildings.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PREPARED BY:** **Name:** Jose Vera and Kevin Landry

**Title:** Field Operations Superintendent and Facilities Operations

**REQUESTED BY:** Board of County Commissioners

**PRESET:**

**PROCEDURES:** None

**BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:**

Martin County conducts landscape maintenance at 32 county facilities, 43 stormwater treatment areas, 72 parks, and along 76 enhanced road right of way routes. These areas are managed by the General Services, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments. County and contractor staff are responsible for conducting landscape maintenance in accordance with the standards set forth by the County. Landscape maintenance standards vary due to differences between contracts and the location, public purpose, and funding mechanism for the site.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Board directed staff to prepare a presentation on the County's landscape maintenance standards specifically as they pertain to roads and buildings. Enhanced road right of ways are mowed 25 times per year. The 32 county facilities are mowed 36 times per year. A higher level of service is typically expected for facilities than along roadways for turf maintenance. Additional maintenance on plant beds and trees is conducted once per month, in both areas, which is consistent with other county programs. Success and vitality of plantings is influenced by plant age, nutrient levels, soil pH, drainage, and environmental factors such as wind and salt spray.

**ISSUES:**

None.

**LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:**

This item has been reviewed for legal sufficiency to determine whether it is consistent with applicable law, has identified and addressed legal risks, and has developed strategies for legal defensibility.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:****RECOMMENDATION**

Move that the Board provide direction to staff.

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT:****RECOMMENDATION**

None

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
Subtotal		
Project Total		

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:**

- ☐ Budget Transfer / Amendment   ☐ Chair Letter   ☐ Contract / Agreement  
☐ Grant / Application   ☐ Notice   ☐ Ordinance   ☐ Resolution  
☐ Other:

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