LANDSCAPE SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK:
THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ALL CLEARING, FINISHED GRADING, SOIL PREPARATION, PERMANENT SEEDING OR SODDING, PLANTING AND MULCHING INCLUDING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, UNLESS OTHERWISE CONTRACTED BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

2. MATERIALS
A. GENERAL - ALL HARDSCAPE MATERIALS SHALL MEET OR EXCEED SPECIFICATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SPECIFICATIONS.

B. TOPSOIL - NATURAL, FRIABLE, LOAMY SILT SOIL HAVING AN ORGANIC CONTENT NOT LESS THAN 5%, A PH RANGE BETWEEN 4.5-7.0. IT SHALL BE FREE OF DEBRIS, ROCKS LARGER THAN ONE INCH (1"), WOOD, ROOTS, VEGETABLE MATTER AND CLAY CLODS.

C. LAWN - ALL DISTURBED AREAS ARE TO BE TREATED WITH A MINIMUM 4" THICK LAYER OF TOPSOIL, OR AS DIRECTED BY THE LOCAL ORDINANCE OR CLIENT, AND SEEDED OR SODDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMANENT STABILIZATION METHODS INDICATED SEED LOCATION
I. LAWN SEED MIXTURE SHALL BE FRESH, CLEAN NEW CROP SEED.
II. SOD SHALL BE STRONGLY ROOTED, WEED AND DISEASE/PEST FREE WITH A UNIFORM THICKNESS. SOD INSTALLED ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 4:1 SHALL BE PEGGED TO HOLD SOD IN PLACE.

D. MULCH - ALL PLANTING BEDS SHALL BE MULCHED WITH A 3" THICK LAYER OF DOUBLE SHREDDED HARDWOOD BARK MULCH, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ON THE LANDSCAPE PLAN.

E. FERTILIZER
I. FERTILIZER SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE MIXED AS SPECIFIED IN THE ORIGINAL UNOPENED STANDARD BAGS SHOWING WEIGHT, ANALYSIS AND NAME OF MANUFACTURER. FERTILIZER SHALL BE STORED IN A WEATHERPROOF PLACE SO THAT IT CAN BE KEPT DRY PRIOR TO USE.
II. FOR THE PURPOSE OF BIDDING, ASSUME THAT FERTILIZER SHALL BE 10% NITROGEN, 6% PHOSPHORUS AND 4% POTASSIUM BY WEIGHT. A FERTILIZER SHOULD NOT BE SELECTED WITHOUT A SOIL TEST PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED SOIL LABORATORY.

F. PLANT MATERIAL
I. ALL PLANTS SHALL IN ALL CASES CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "AMERICAN STANDARD FOR NURSERY STOCK" (ANSI Z60.1), LATEST EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN).
II. IN ALL CASES, BOTANICAL NAMES SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER COMMON NAMES FOR ANY AND ALL PLANT MATERIAL.
III. PLANTS SHALL BE LEGIBLY TAGGED WITH THE PROPER NAME AND SIZE. TAGS ARE TO REMAIN ON AT LEAST ONE PLANT OF EACH SPECIES FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES DURING THE FINAL INSPECTION.
IV. TREES WITH ABRASION OF THE BARK, SUN SCALDS, DISFIGURATION OR FRESH CUTS OF LIMBS OVER 1¼", WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY CALLUSED, SHALL BE REJECTED. PLANTS SHALL NOT BE BOUND WITH WIRE OR ROPE AT ANY TIME SO AS TO DAMAGE THE BARK OR BREAK BRANCHES.
V. ALL PLANTS SHALL BE TYPICAL OF THEIR SPECIES OR VARIETY AND SHALL HAVE A NORMAL HABIT OF GROWTH: WELL DEVELOPED BRANCHES, DENSELY FOLIATED, VIGOROUS ROOT SYSTEMS AND BE FREE OF DISEASE, INSECTS, PESTS, EGGS OR LARVAE.
VI. CALIPER MEASUREMENTS OF NURSERY GROWN TREES SHALL BE TAKEN AT A POINT ON THE TRUNK SIX INCHES (6") ABOVE THE NATURAL GRADE FOR TREES UP TO AND INCLUDING A FOUR INCH (4") CALIPER SIZE. IF THE CALIPER AT SIX INCHES (6") ABOVE THE GROUND EXCEEDS FOUR INCHES (4") IN CALIPER, THE CALIPER SHOULD BE MEASURED AT A POINT 12" ABOVE THE NATURAL GRADE.
VII. SHRUBS SHALL BE MEASURED TO THE AVERAGE HEIGHT OR SPREAD OF THE SHRUB, AND NOT TO THE LONGEST BRANCH.
VIII. TREES AND SHRUBS SHALL BE HANDLED WITH CARE BY THE ROOT BALL.

3. GENERAL WORK PROCEDURES
A. CONTRACTOR TO UTILIZE WORKMANLIKE INDUSTRY STANDARDS IN PERFORMING ALL LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION. THE SITE IS TO BE LEFT IN A CLEAN STATE AT THE END OF EACH WORKDAY. ALL DEBRIS, MATERIALS AND TOOLS SHALL BE PROPERLY STORED, STOCKPILED OR DISPOSED OF.

B. WASTE MATERIALS AND DEBRIS SHALL BE COMPLETELY DISPOSED OF AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. DEBRIS SHALL NOT BE BURIED, INCLUDING ORGANIC MATERIALS, BUT SHALL BE REMOVED COMPLETELY FROM THE SITE.

4. SITE PREPARATIONS
A. BEFORE AND DURING PRELIMINARY GRADING AND FINISHED GRADING, ALL WEEDS AND GRASSES SHALL BE DUG OUT BY THE ROOTS AND DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL WORK PROCEDURES OUTLINED HEREIN.

B. ALL EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN SHALL BE PRUNED TO REMOVE ANY DAMAGED BRANCHES. THE ENTIRE LIMB OF ANY DAMAGED BRANCH SHALL BE CUT OFF AT THE BRANCH COLLAR. CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT CUTS ARE SMOOTH AND STRAIGHT. ANY EXPOSED ROOTS SHALL BE CUT BACK WITH CLEAN, SHARP TOOLS AND TOPSOIL SHALL BE PLACED AROUND THE REMAINDER OF THE ROOTS. EXISTING TREES SHALL BE MONITORED ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL ROOT OR BRANCH DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF CONSTRUCTION. ROOTS SHALL NOT BE LEFT EXPOSED FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) DAY. CONTRACTOR SHALL WATER EXISTING TREES AS NEEDED TO PREVENT SHOCK OR DECLINE.

C. CONTRACTOR SHALL ARRANGE TO HAVE A UTILITY STAKE-OUT TO LOCATE ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF ANY LANDSCAPE MATERIAL. UTILITY COMPANIES SHALL BE CONTACTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF WORK.

5. TREE PROTECTION
A. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN. A TREE PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE DRIP LINE OR AT THE LIMIT OF CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER. LOCAL STANDARDS THAT MAY REQUIRE A MORE STRICT TREE PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE HONORED.

B. A FORTY-EIGHT INCH (48") HIGH WOODEN SNOW FENCE OR ORANGE COLORED HIGH-DENSITY 'VISI-FENCE', OR APPROVED EQUAL, MOUNTED ON STEEL POSTS SHALL BE PLACED ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE. POSTS SHALL BE LOCATED AT A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT FEET (8') ON CENTER OR AS INDICATED WITHIN THE TREE PROTECTION DETAIL.

C. WHEN THE TREE PROTECTION FENCING HAS BEEN INSTALLED, IT SHALL BE INSPECTED BY THE APPROVING AGENCY PRIOR TO DEMOLITION, GRADING, TREE CLEARING OR ANY OTHER CONSTRUCTION. THE FENCING ALONG THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE REGULARLY INSPECTED BY THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR AND MAINTAINED UNTIL ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

D. AT NO TIME SHALL MACHINERY, DEBRIS, FALLEN TREES OR OTHER MATERIALS BE PLACED, STOCKPILED OR LEFT STANDING IN THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE.

6. SOIL MODIFICATIONS
A. CONTRACTOR SHALL ATTAIN A SOIL TEST FOR ALL AREAS OF THE SITE PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY PLANTING. SOIL TESTS SHALL BE PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED SOIL LABORATORY.

B. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPORT ANY SOIL OR DRAINAGE CONDITIONS CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO THE GROWTH OF PLANT MATERIAL. SOIL MODIFICATIONS, AS SPECIFIED HEREIN, MAY NEED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS.

C. THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AND QUANTITIES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY. COMPOSITION OF AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE REVISED DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF A TOPSOIL ANALYSIS PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED SOIL LABORATORY.
I. TO INCREASE A SANDY SOIL'S ABILITY TO RETAIN WATER AND NUTRIENTS, THOROUGHLY TILL ORGANIC MATTER INTO THE TOP 6-12". USE COMPOSTED BARK, COMPOSTED LEAF MULCH OR PEAT MOSS. ALL PRODUCTS SHOULD BE COMPOSTED TO A DARK COLOR AND BE FREE OF PIECES WITH IDENTIFIABLE LEAF OR WOOD STRUCTURE. AVOID MATERIAL WITH A PH HIGHER THAN 7.5.
II. TO INCREASE DRAINAGE, MODIFY HEAVY CLAY OR SILT (MORE THAN 40% CLAY OR SILT) BY ADDING COMPOSTED PINE BARK (UP TO 30% BY VOLUME) AND/OR AGRICULTURAL GYPSUM. COARSE SAND MAY BE USED IF ENOUGH IS ADDED TO BRING THE SAND CONTENT TO MORE THAN 60% OF THE TOTAL MIX. SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE LINES MAY NEED TO BE ADDED TO INCREASE DRAINAGE.
III. MODIFY EXTREMELY SANDY SOILS (MORE THAN 85%) BY ADDING ORGANIC MATTER AND/OR DRY, SHREDDED CLAY LOAM UP TO 30% OF THE TOTAL MIX.

7. FINISHED GRADING
A. UNLESS OTHERWISE CONTRACTED, THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TOPSOIL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FINE-GRADING WITHIN THE DISTURBANCE AREA OF THE SITE.

B. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY THAT SUBGRADE FOR INSTALLATION OF TOPSOIL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE SUBGRADE OF THE SITE MUST MEET THE FINISHED GRADE LESS THE REQUIRED TOPSOIL THICKNESS (1"±).

C. ALL LAWN AND PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE GRADED TO A SMOOTH, EVEN AND UNIFORM PLANE WITH NO ABRUPT CHANGE OF SURFACE AS DEPICTED WITHIN THIS SET OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.

D. ALL PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE GRADED AND MAINTAINED TO ALLOW FREE FLOW OF SURFACE WATER IN AND AROUND THE PLANTING BEDS. STANDING WATER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN PLANTING BEDS.

8. TOPSOILING
A. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A 4" THICK MINIMUM LAYER OF TOPSOIL, OR AS DIRECTED BY THE LOCAL ORDINANCE OR CLIENT, IN ALL PLANTING AREAS. TOPSOIL SHOULD BE SPREAD OVER A PREPARED SURFACE IN A UNIFORM LAYER TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED COMPACTED THICKNESS.

B. ON-SITE TOPSOIL MAY BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED. TOPSOIL FROM THE SITE MAY BE REJECTED IF IT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY REMOVED, STORED AND PROTECTED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

C. CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH TO THE APPROVING AGENCY AN ANALYSIS OF BOTH IMPORTED AND ON-SITE TOPSOIL TO BE UTILIZED IN ALL PLANTING AREAS. THE PH AND NUTRIENT LEVELS MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED THROUGH SOIL MODIFICATIONS AS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED LEVELS AS SPECIFIED IN THE MATERIALS SECTION ABOVE.

D. ALL LAWN AREAS ARE TO BE CULTIVATED TO A DEPTH OF SIX INCHES (6"). ALL DEBRIS EXPOSED FROM EXCAVATION AND CULTIVATION SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL WORK PROCEDURES SECTION ABOVE. THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE TILLED INTO THE TOP FOUR INCHES (4") IN TWO DIRECTIONS (QUANTITIES BASED ON A 1,000 SQUARE FOOT AREA - FOR BID PURPOSES ONLY [SEE SPECIFICATION 6.A.]):
I. 20 POUNDS 'GRO-POWER' OR APPROVED SOIL CONDITIONER/FERTILIZER
II. 20 POUNDS NITRO-FORM (COURSE) 38-0-0 BLUE CHIP OR APPROVED NITROGEN FERTILIZER

E. THE SPREADING OF TOPSOIL SHALL NOT BE CONDUCTED UNDER MUDDY OR FROZEN CONDITIONS.

9. PLANTING
A. INSOFAR THAT IT IS FEASIBLE, PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE PLANTED ON THE DAY OF DELIVERY. IN THE EVENT THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT UNINSTALLED PLANT MATERIAL. PLANTS SHALL NOT REMAIN UNPLANTED FOR LONGER THAN A THREE DAY PERIOD AFTER DELIVERY. PLANTS THAT WILL NOT BE PLANTED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME GREATER THAN THREE DAYS SHALL BE HEALED IN WITH TOPSOIL OR MULCH TO HELP PRESERVE ROOT MOISTURE.

B. PLANTING OPERATIONS SHALL BE PERFORMED DURING PERIODS WITHIN THE PLANTING SEASON WHEN WEATHER AND SOIL CONDITIONS ARE SUITABLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED LOCAL PRACTICE. PLANTS SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED IN TOPSOIL THAT IS IN A MUDDY OR FROZEN CONDITION.

C. ANY INJURED ROOTS OR BRANCHES SHALL BE PRUNED TO MAKE CLEAN-CUT ENDS PRIOR TO PLANTING UTILIZING CLEAN, SHARP TOOLS. ONLY INJURED OR DISEASED BRANCHING SHALL BE REMOVED.

D. ALL PLANTING CONTAINERS, BASKETS AND NON-BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM ROOT BALLS DURING PLANTING. NATURAL FIBER BURLAP MUST BE CUT FROM AROUND THE TRUNK OF THE TREE AND FOLDED DOWN AGAINST THE ROOT BALL PRIOR TO BACKFILLING.

E. POSITION TREES AND SHRUBS AT THEIR INTENDED LOCATIONS AS PER THE PLANS AND SECURE THE APPROVAL OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO EXCAVATING PITS, MAKING NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS AS DIRECTED.

F. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, THE PROPOSED LANDSCAPE, AS SHOWN ON THE APPROVED LANDSCAPE PLAN, MUST BE INSTALLED, INSPECTED AND APPROVED BY THE APPROVING AGENCY. THE APPROVING AGENCY SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SEASONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS REGARD AS FOLLOWS. THE PLANTING OF TREES, SHRUBS, VINES OR GROUND COVER SHALL OCCUR ONLY DURING THE FOLLOWING PLANTING SEASONS:
I. PLANTS: MARCH 15 TO DECEMBER 15
II. LAWN: MARCH 15 TO JUNE 15 OR SEPT. 1 TO DECEMBER 1

PLANTINGS REQUIRED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY SHALL BE PROVIDED DURING THE NEXT APPROPRIATE SEASON AT THE MUNICIPALITY'S DISCRETION. CONTRACTOR SHOULD CONTACT APPROVING AGENCY FOR POTENTIAL SUBSTITUTIONS.

G. FURTHERMORE, THE FOLLOWING TREE VARIETIES ARE UNUSUALLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO WINTER DAMAGE. WITH TRANSPLANT SHOCK AND THE SEASONAL LACK OF NITROGEN AVAILABILITY, THE RISK OF PLANT DEATH IS GREATLY INCREASED. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT THESE SPECIES BE PLANTED DURING THE FALL PLANTING SEASON:

ACER RUBRUM	PLATANUS X ACERIFOLIA
BETULA VARIETIES	POPULUS VARIETIES
CARPINUS VARIETIES	PRUNUS VARIETIES
CRATAEGUS VARIETIES	PYRUS VARIETIES
KOELREUTERIA	QUERCUS VARIETIES
LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA	TILIA TOMENTOSA
LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	ZELKOVA VARIETIES

H. PLANTING PITS SHALL BE DUG WITH LEVEL BOTTOMS, WITH THE WIDTH TWICE THE DIAMETER OF ROOT BALL. THE ROOT BALL SHALL REST ON UNDISTURBED GRADE. EACH PLANT PIT SHALL BE BACKFILLED IN LAYERS WITH THE FOLLOWING PREPARED SOIL MIXED THOROUGHLY:
I. 1 PART PEAT MOSS
II. 1 PART COMPOSTED COW MANURE BY VOLUME
III. 3 PARTS TOPSOIL BY VOLUME
IV. 21 GRAMS 'AGRIFORM' PLANTING TABLETS (OR APPROVED EQUAL) AS FOLLOWS:
A) 2 TABLETS PER 1 GALLON PLANT
B) 3 TABLETS PER 5 GALLON PLANT
C) 4 TABLETS PER 15 GALLON PLANT
D) LARGER PLANTS: 2 TABLETS PER ½" CALIPER OF TRUNK

I. FILL PREPARED SOIL AROUND BALL OF PLANT HALF-WAY AND INSERT PLANT TABLETS. COMPLETE BACKFILL AND WATER THOROUGHLY.

J. ALL PLANTS SHALL BE PLANTED SO THAT THE TOP OF THE ROOT BALL, THE POINT AT WHICH THE ROOT FLARE BEGINS, IS SET AT GROUND LEVEL AND IN THE CENTER OF THE PIT. NO SOIL IS TO BE PLACED DIRECTLY ON TOP OF THE ROOT BALL.

K. ALL PROPOSED TREES DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO WALKWAYS OR DRIVEWAYS SHALL BE PRUNED AND MAINTAINED TO A MINIMUM BRANCHING HEIGHT OF 7' FROM GRADE.

L. GROUND COVER AREAS SHALL RECEIVE A ¼" LAYER OF HUMUS RAKED INTO THE TOP 1" OF PREPARED SOIL PRIOR TO PLANTING. ALL GROUND COVER AREAS SHALL BE WEEDED AND TREATED WITH A PRE-EMERGENT CHEMICAL AS PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.

M. NO PLANT, EXCEPT GROUND COVERS, GRASSES OR VINES, SHALL BE PLANTED LESS THAN TWO FEET (2') FROM EXISTING STRUCTURES AND SIDEWALKS.

N. ALL PLANTING AREAS AND PLANTING PITS SHALL BE MULCHED AS SPECIFIED HEREIN TO FILL THE ENTIRE BED AREA OR SAUCER. NO MULCH IS TO TOUCH THE TRUNK OF THE TREE OR SHRUB.

O. ALL PLANTING AREAS SHALL BE WATERED IMMEDIATELY UPON INSTALLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WATERING SPECIFICATIONS AS LISTED HEREIN.

10. TRANSPLANTING (WHEN REQUIRED)
A. ALL TRANSPLANTS SHALL BE DUG WITH INTACT ROOT BALLS CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING THE PLANT.

B. IF PLANTS ARE TO BE STOCKPILED BEFORE REPLANTING, THEY SHALL BE HEALED IN WITH MULCH OR SOIL, ADEQUATELY WATERED AND PROTECTED FROM EXTREME HEAT, SUN AND WIND.

C. PLANTS SHALL NOT BE DUG FOR TRANSPLANTING BETWEEN APRIL 10 AND JUNE 30.

D. UPON REPLANTING, BACKFILL SOIL SHALL BE AMENDED WITH FERTILIZER AND ROOT GROWTH HORMONE.

E. TRANSPLANTS SHALL BE GUARANTEED FOR THE LENGTH OF THE GUARANTEE PERIOD SPECIFIED HEREIN.

F. IF TRANSPLANTS DIE, SHRUBS AND TREES LESS THAN SIX INCHES (6") DBH SHALL BE REPLACED IN KIND. TREES GREATER THAN SIX INCHES (6") DBH MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE REPLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY'S TREE REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES.

11. WATERING
A. NEW PLANTINGS OR LAWN AREAS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY IRRIGATED BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANTING. WATER SHALL BE APPLIED TO EACH TREE AND SHRUB IN SUCH MANNER AS NOT TO DISTURB BACKFILL AND TO THE EXTENT THAT ALL MATERIALS IN THE PLANTING HOLE ARE THOROUGHLY SATURATED. WATERING SHALL CONTINUE AT LEAST UNTIL PLANTS ARE ESTABLISHED.

B. SITE OWNER SHALL PROVIDE WATER IF AVAILABLE ON SITE AT TIME OF PLANTING. IF WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE, CONTRACTOR SHALL SUPPLY ALL NECESSARY WATER. THE USE OF WATERING BAGS IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL NEWLY PLANTED TREES.

C. IF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE SITE, IT SHALL BE USED TO WATER PROPOSED PLANT MATERIAL, BUT ANY FAILURE OF THE SYSTEM DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THE DESIRED MOISTURE LEVEL FOR VIGOROUS, HEALTHY GROWTH.

12. GUARANTEE
A. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL GUARANTEE ALL PLANTS FOR A PERIOD OF   FROM APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION BY THE APPROVING AGENCY. CONTRACTOR SHALL SUPPLY THE OWNER WITH A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE VALUE OF THE LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION WHICH WILL BE RELEASED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GUARANTEE PERIOD AND WHEN A FINAL INSPECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND APPROVED BY THE OWNER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

B. ANY DEAD OR DYING PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE REPLACED FOR THE LENGTH OF THE GUARANTEE PERIOD. REPLACEMENT OF PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE FIRST SUCCEEDING PLANTING SEASON. ANY DEBRIS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF OFF-SITE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

C. TREES AND SHRUBS SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR DURING CONSTRUCTION AND THROUGHOUT THE 90 DAY MAINTENANCE PERIOD AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. CULTIVATION, WEEDING, WATERING AND THE PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS SHALL BE PERFORMED AS NECESSARY TO KEEP PLANT MATERIAL IN GOOD CONDITION AND FREE OF INSECTS AND DISEASE.

D. LAWNS SHALL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH WATERING, FERTILIZING, WEEDING, MOWING, TRIMMING AND OTHER OPERATIONS SUCH AS ROLLING, REGARDING AND REPLANTING AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A SMOOTH, ACCEPTABLE LAWN, FREE OF ERODED OR BARE AREAS.

13. CLEANUP
A. UPON THE COMPLETION OF ALL LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION AND BEFORE THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE ALL UNUSED MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND DEBRIS FROM THE SITE. ALL PAVED AREAS ARE TO BE CLEANED.

B. THE SITE SHALL BE CLEANED AND LEFT IN A NEAT AND ACCEPTABLE CONDITION AS APPROVED BY THE OWNER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

14. MAINTENANCE (ALTERNATIVE BID):
A 90 DAY MAINTENANCE PERIOD SHALL COMMENCE AT THE END OF ALL LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION OPERATIONS. THE 90 DAY MAINTENANCE PERIOD ENSURES TO THE OWNER/OPERATOR THAT THE NEWLY INSTALLED LANDSCAPING HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AS SPECIFIED ON THE APPROVED LANDSCAPE PLAN. ONCE THE INITIAL 90 DAY MAINTENANCE PERIOD HAS EXPIRED, THE OWNER/OPERATOR MAY REQUEST THAT BIDDERS SUBMIT AN ALTERNATE MAINTENANCE BID FOR A MONTHLY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. THE ALTERNATE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WILL ENCOMPASS ANY WORK THAT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE THAT PLANT AND LAWN AREAS ARE HEALTHY AND MANICURED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OWNER/OPERATOR.

STANDARD FOR PERMANENT STABILIZATION WITH SOD

METHODS AND MATERIALS

1. CULTIVATED SOD IS PREFERRED OVER NATIVE OR PASTURE SOD. SPECIFY "CERTIFIED SOD," OR OTHER HIGH QUALITY CULTIVATED SOD.

2. SOD SHOULD BE FREE OF WEEDS AND UNDESIRABLE COARSE WEEDY GRASSES.

3. SOD SHOULD BE OF UNIFORM THICKNESS, APPROXIMATELY 5/8 INCH, PLUS OR MINUS 1/4 INCH, AT TIME OF CUTTING. (EXCLUDES TOP GROWTH.)

4. SOD SHOULD BE VIGOROUS AND DENSE AND BE ABLE TO RETAIN ITS OWN SHAPE AND WEIGHT WHEN SUSPENDED VERTICALLY WITH A FIRM GRASP FROM THE UPPER 10 PERCENT OF THE STRIP. BROKEN PADS OR TORN AND UNEVEN ENDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

5. FOR DRAUGHT SITES, A SOD OF KENTUCKY 31 TALL FESCUE AND BLUEGRASS IS PREFERRED OVER A STRAIGHT BLUEGRASS SOD.

6. ONLY MOIST, FRESH, UNHEATED SOD SHOULD BE USED. SOD SHOULD BE HARVESTED, DELIVERED, AND INSTALLED WITHIN A PERIOD OF 36 HOURS.

I. SITE PREPARATION

A. GRADE AS NEEDED AND FEASIBLE TO PERMIT THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR LIMING, FERTILIZING, AND SOIL PREPARATION. ALL GRADING SHOULD BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD FOR LAND GRADING.
B. INSTALL NEEDED EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES AND FACILITIES, SUCH AS INTERCEPTOR DITCHES, DIKES AND TERRACES, EROSION STOPS, AND DE-SILTING BASINS.

II. SOIL PREPARATION

A. APPLY LIMESTONE AND FERTILIZER ACCORDING TO SOIL TESTS SUCH AS THOSE OFFERED BY RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SOIL TESTING LABORATORY. SOIL SAMPLE MAILERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE LOCAL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE OFFICE. IF SOIL TESTING IS NOT FEASIBLE ON SMALL OR VARIABLE SITES, OR WHERE TIMING IS CRITICAL, FERTILIZER MAY BE APPLIED AT THE RATE OF 500 POUNDS PER ACRE OR 11 POUNDS PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET OF 10-20-10 OR EQUIVALENT. IN ADDITION, 300 POUNDS 38-0-0 PER ACRE OR EQUIVALENT OF SLOW RELEASE NITROGEN MAY BE USED IN LIEU OF TOP-DRESSING. APPLY LIMESTONE (EQUIVALENT TO 50 PERCENT CALCIUM PLUS MAGNESIUM OXIDES) AS FOLLOWS:

SOIL TEXTURE	TONS/ACRE	LBS/1000 SQ. FT
CLAY, CLAY LOAM, AND HIGH ORGANIC SOIL	4	180
SANDY LOAM, LOAM, SILT LOAM	3	135
LOAMY SAND, SAND	2	90

PULVERIZED DOLOMITE LIMESTONE IS PREFERRED FOR MOST SOILS SOUTH OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK-TRENTON LINE.

B. WORK LIME AND FERTILIZER INTO THE SOIL AS NEARLY AS PRACTICAL TO A DEPTH OF 4 INCHES WITH A DISC, SPRING TOOTH HARROW, OR OTHER SUITABLE EQUIPMENT. THE FINAL HARROWING OR DISCOING OPERATION SHOULD BE ON THE GENERAL CONTOUR. CONTINUE TILLAGE UNTIL A REASONABLY UNIFORM, FINE SEEDBED IS PREPARED.

C. REMOVE FROM THE SURFACE ALL OBJECTS THAT WOULD PREVENT GOOD SOD TO SOIL CONTACT AND REMOVE ALL OTHER DEBRIS, SUCH AS WIRE, CABLE, TREE ROOTS, PIECES OF CONCRETE, CLODS, LUMPS, OR OTHER UNSUITABLE MATERIAL.

D. INSPECT SITE JUST BEFORE SEEDING. IF TRAFFIC HAS LEFT THE SOIL COMPACTED, THE AREA MUST BE RE-TILLED AND FIRMED AS ABOVE.

III. SOD PLACEMENT

A. SOD STRIPS SHOULD BE LAID ON THE CONTOUR, NEVER UP AND DOWN THE SLOPE, STARTING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOPE AND WORKING UP. ON STEEP SLOPES, THE USE OF LADDERS WILL FACILITATE THE WORK AND PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE SOD. DURING PERIODS OF HIGH TEMPERATURE, LIGHTLY IRRIGATE THE SOIL IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LAYING THE SOD.

B. PLACE SOD STRIPS WITH SNUG, EVEN JOINTS THAT ARE STAGGERED. OPEN SPACES INVITE EROSION.

C. ROLL OR TAMP SOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PLACEMENT TO INSURE SOLID CONTACT OF ROOT MAT AND SOIL SURFACE. DO NOT OVERLAP SOD. ALL JOINTS SHOULD BE BUTTED TIGHTLY IN ORDER TO PREVENT VOIDS WHICH WOULD CAUSE DRYING OF THE ROOTS.
D. ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 3 TO 1, SECURE SOD TO SURFACE SOIL WITH WOOD PEGS, WIRE STAPLES, OR SPLIT SHINGLES (8 TO 10 INCHES LONG BY 3/4 INCH WIDE).

E. SURFACE WATER CANNOT ALWAYS BE DIVERTED FROM FLOWING OVER THE FACE OF THE SLOPE, BUT A CAPPING STRIP OF HEAVY JUTE OR PLASTIC NETTING, PROPERLY SECURED, ALONG THE CROWN OF THE SLOPE AND EDGES WILL PROVIDE EXTRA PROTECTION AGAINST LIFTING AND UNDERCUTTING OF SOD. THE SAME TECHNIQUE CAN BE USED TO ANCHOR SOD IN WATER CARRYING CHANNELS AND OTHER CRITICAL AREAS. WIRE STAPLES MUST BE USED TO ANCHOR NETTING IN CHANNEL WORK.

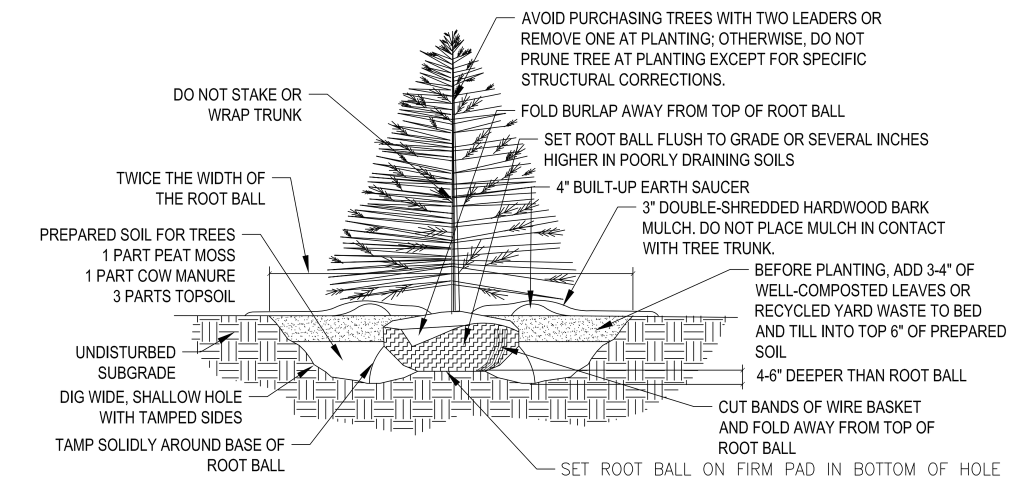
F. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION, SOD SHOULD BE WATERED UNTIL MOISTURE PENETRATES THE SOIL LAYER BENEATH SOD TO A DEPTH OF 4 INCHES. MAINTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS, AND CONTINUE IRRIGATION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE SEASON.

IV. TOP-DRESSING IF SLOW RELEASE NITROGEN (300 POUNDS 38-0-0 PER ACRE OR EQUIVALENT) IS USED IN ADDITION TO SUGGESTED FERTILIZER, THEN A FOLLOW-UP OF TOP DRESSING IS NOT MANDATORY.

A. SPRING INSTALLATION OF SOD WILL REQUIRE AN APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER SUCH AS 10-20-10 OR EQUIVALENT AT 500 POUNDS PER ACRE OR 11 POUNDS PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND APRIL 1.

B. FALL INSTALLATION OF SOD WILL REQUIRE THE ABOVE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND OCTOBER 15.

NOTES:
1. NO SOIL OR MULCH SHALL BE PLACED AGAINST ROOT COLLAR OF PLANT.
2. REMOVE ALL ROPE FROM TRUNK & TOP OF ROOT BALL. FOLD BURLAP BACK 1/3 FROM TOP OF ROOT BALL.
3. PLANTING DEPTH SHALL BE THE SAME AS GROWN IN NURSERY.
4. THOROUGHLY SOAK THE TREE ROOT BALL AND ADJACENT PREPARED SOIL SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE FIRST MONTH AFTER PLANTING AND REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING TWO SUMMERS.
5. THE BOTTOM OF PLANTING PIT EXCAVATIONS SHOULD BE ROUGH TO AVOID MATTING OF SOIL LAYERS AS NEW SOIL IS ADDED. IT IS PREFERABLE TO TILL THE FIRST LIFT (2 -3 IN.) OF PLANTING SOIL INTO THE SUBSOIL.



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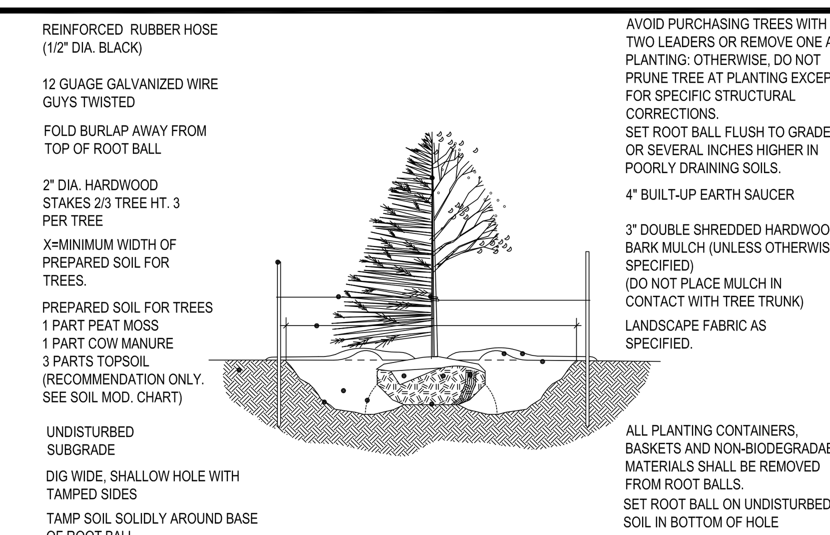

NOTES:
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6.) REFER TO THE CHART "GENERAL RANGE OF SOIL MODIFICATIONS & VOLUMES FOR VARIOUS SOIL CONDITIONS" TO DETERMINE MINIMUM WIDTH OF PREPARED SOIL (X).
7.) SUBSTITUTE ARBORTIE STAKING SYSTEM WHEN SPECIFIED.

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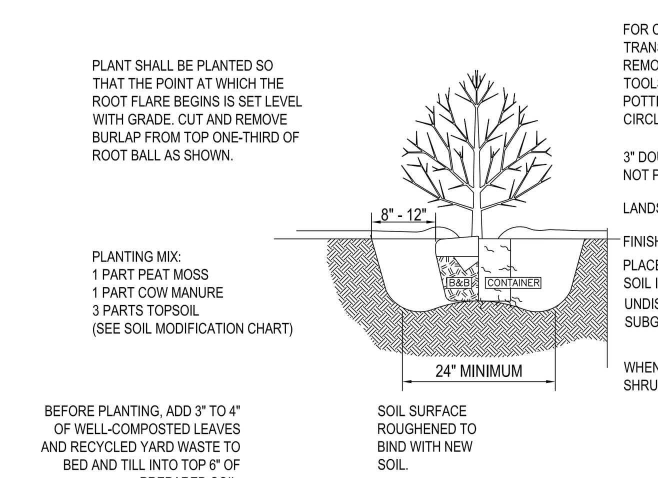

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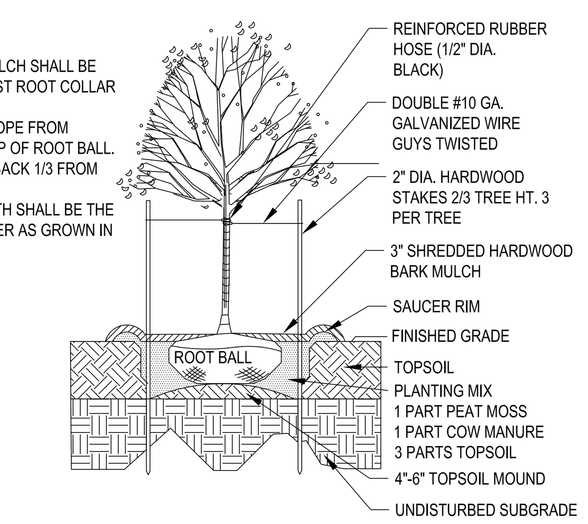
3. PLANTING DEPTH SHALL BE THE SAME OR HIGHER AS GROWN IN NURSERY.



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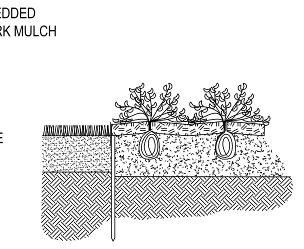

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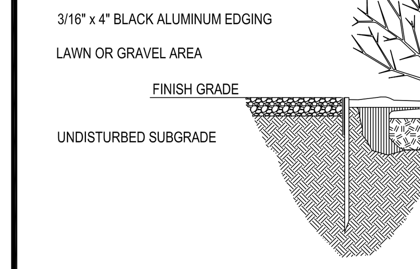

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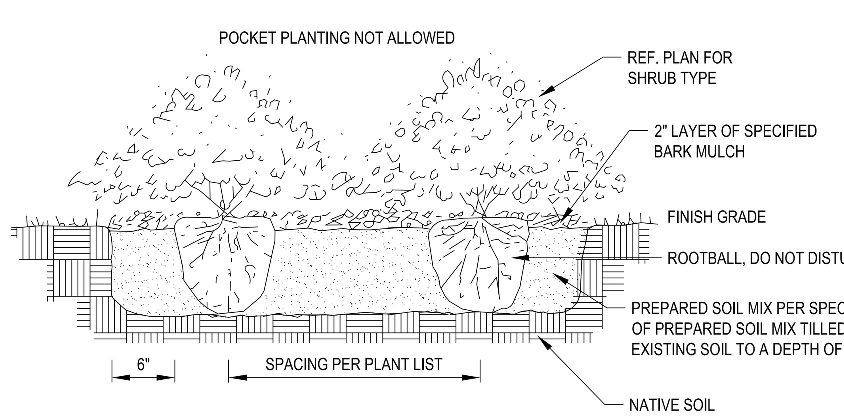

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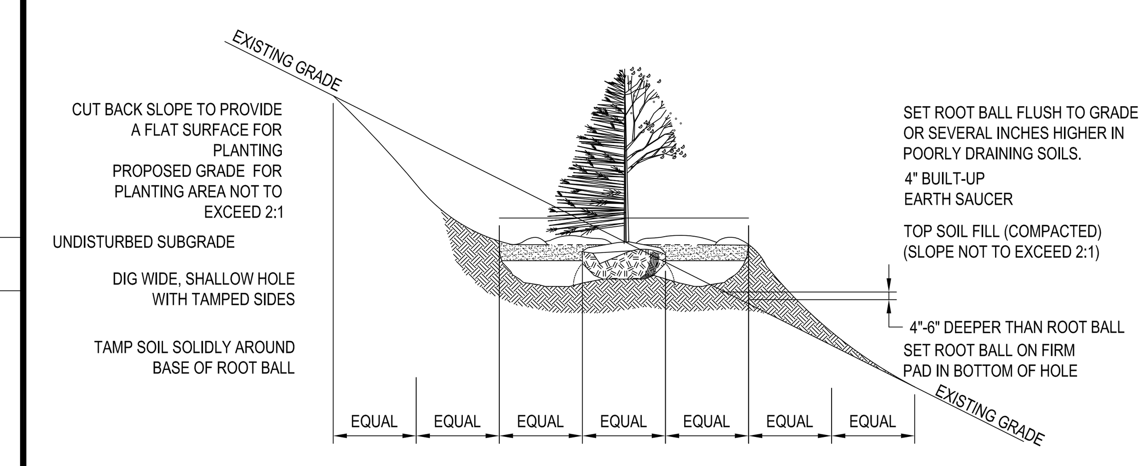

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