

From: Caster, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 3:05 PM
To: Autry, Alan
Cc: Noble, Fred
Subject: RE: Status of Bold Landscaping

Hi Alan,

Since February, I have been reviewing landscape plans before they are let. Each month, I meet with the District Landscape Architects to discuss BOLD. There seems to be wide spread understanding of BOLD design concepts. Plans have many more large trees, and fewer shrubs. Secretary Prasad expects that every one of these landscape project will be implemented successfully (Projects meeting or exceeding contract requirements; plants #1 or better and growing vigorously, bed lines in place and mostly weed free, mulch fresh and full coverage, staking secure, irrigation functioning as designed.).

With regard to landscape construction, I'd like to respond to the DCE's question with a few questions.

- What can I do to help the District Construction Engineers implement every landscape project successfully?
- Is every landscape project being implemented successfully all the way through the establishment period?
- Is Section 580, Landscape Installation being enforced on every project, all the way through the establishment period?
- Is there a complete record of monthly and quarterly reports, all the way through the establishment period?
- Do monthly and quarterly reports contain accurate and complete information about the condition of plants, beds, mulch, litter, mowing, etc.?
- Does the Specification need to be revised?
- What landscape expert(s) does Construction rely on during landscape construction and establishment to verify and document that projects are being implemented successfully?
- Do the DCEs have any suggestions for assuring that every landscape project is implemented successfully?

Please let me know if you want me to attend the next DCE meeting. I'll do whatever it takes to be helpful.

Thank you.

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To me, in sum, beautification means our total concern for the physical and human quality we pass on to our children and the future. Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, 1993

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From: Autry, Alan
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:54 AM
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Jeff, I have been asked by the DCE's as to the status of the department's Bold Landscaping program. This is a follow-up question related to the presentation you made at the Feb 2012 DCE meeting. Can you provide an update?

Thanks,
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