

**Grounds Maintenance Primer** 

Insular Schools Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms, Phase 3, Year 2





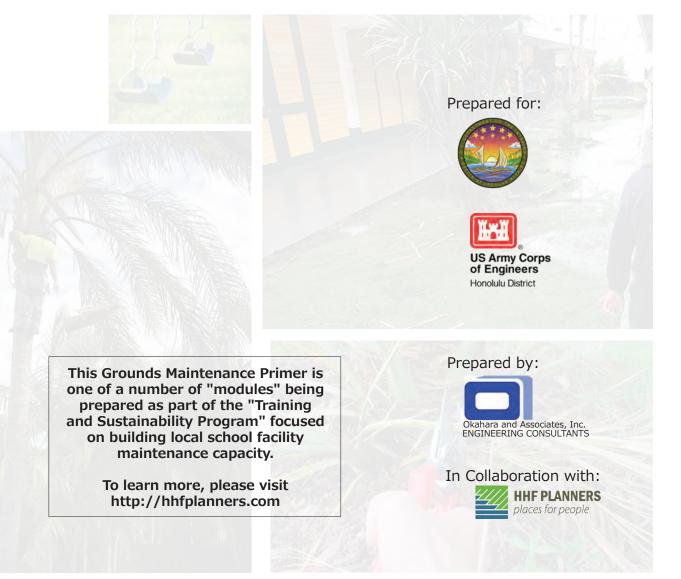




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# Executive Summary

### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PRIMER**

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### PURPOSE

The purpose this primer is to provide facility managers with a reference guide of regular school grounds maintenance tasks, the common problems that result from deferring these tasks, as well as preparation and oversight tips.

#### METHOD

In preparing this guide, the project team expended more than 280 man hours conducting site visits to the majority of schools in each of the four territories to observe existing conditions and compile recommendations to inform the content of this primer as well as future (to be determined) capital projects or other large scale improvements. This primer also includes reference material for local staff to implement and manage grounds maintenance. Recommendations contained in the body of this report include standards from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Public Playground Safety Handbook and recommendations from other published sources.

"As the heart of a community, a school is a reflection of the community it serves and its overall perception of educational quality."

-Insular ABCs (Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms)

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# Introduction

### WHY IS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE IMPORTANT?

A school's exterior appearance – i.e., landscaping and site maintenance – affects the overall perception of educational quality. As the heart of a community, schools are a reflection of the character and potential of its citizens and leaders. School grounds maintenance is therefore vital to the proper functioning, image and achievement of public schools.

"Appropriate operation and maintenance activities ensure that stormwater practices will continue to function properly and yield expected water quality and environmental benefits, protect public safety, meet legal standards, and protect communities' financial investment." (U.S. EPA, 2017)

School grounds must be properly maintained on a routine basis to preserve the quality of the landscaping and ensure effective site drainage to provide a safe and healthy environment for the student to learn and play in. Grounds maintenance personnel, with the proper training to perform with a wide-ranging knowledge base and skill set, are needed to do work that includes physical challenges as well as equipment operation and maintenance. This primer provides an overview of basic grounds maintenance needed at all school campuses on a revolving schedule throughout each calendar year.

Grounds maintenance alone will not alleviate all concerns; sometimes capital improvement projects are required. Further design and engineering consultation should be sought when modifying existing grading, subsurface and surface drainage, rain gutters or downspouts at various school campuses.

### GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SAVES MONEY

Regularly scheduled grounds maintenance can also help reduce overall long-term operating expenses. Deferring maintenance is more costly because replacing school facilities costs more than repair. Facility management best practices have cautioned that public school budgets cannot afford a "run-ituntil-it's-broke" approach to maintenance. According to the National Research Council, every \$1 in deferred maintenance, costs an estimated \$4 to \$5 in capital liability. "Thus an accumulation of deferred investments over the long term may be significantly greater than the short-term savings that publicsector decision makers were initially seeking."<sup>1</sup>

For example, inadequately maintained public school storm drainage facilities have been identified throughout the territories. Clogged drain inlets can lead to extensive damage to school buildings, requiring repair expenditures. Proper grounds maintenance can help reduce the extent of clean up costs, flooring replacement, wood frame wall repairs, electrical damage and mold abatement that can result from flooding.

<sup>1</sup> (NRC, 2004)

With the Zika outbreak, ponding water trapped on the ground or in rain gutters is also a serious health concern. A regularly scheduled grounds maintenance program will expand operating costs in the shortterm, but will reduce total expenditures long-term by decreasing the frequency of emergency repair and replacement costs.

#### FURTHER READING

- NRC. (2004). Investments in Federal Facilities: Asset Management Strategies for the 21st Century. National Research Council, Committee on Business Strategies for Public Capital Investment. Retrieved from https:// doi.org/10.17226/11012
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# **Chapter 1** Site Inspection Reports for Guam

#### Background

In 2016, the Insular ABCs program civil engineering team conducted site visits to many public school campuses (Appendix A).

#### **Summary of Findings**

For the full report, including specific school visited, see Appendix A. In general, overall site drainage, grass and landscaping need continuous care and maintenance.

- Overgrown grass, weeds and debris has taken over play areas, drain inlets, concrete swales, sidewalk culverts, trench drains and rain gutters that leads to ponding and flooding where water cannot flow properly. Grass clippings and built-up sediments are left in place which are clogging up swales and drain inlets.
- 2) Drain pipes to allow water to flow under sidewalks are buried.
- 3) Drain inlets and outlets are partially buried.
- 4) Trees growing too close to buildings and roots uplifting pavement.
- 5) Perimeter fences are being damaged and overwhelmed with overgrown vegetation.
- 6) Poor soils and percolation are a maintenance problem at certain school campuses where drainage needs to be improved and/or the poor soils needs to be replaced.

#### Observations

The schools visited in 2016 had drainage issues that require improvements to be implemented through funded design and/or construction projects. The proposed drainage improvements include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Addition of roof gutters to reroute drainage roof runoff to designated drainage areas.
- Addition of new drainage collection systems to allow the drainage of ponding and flooded areas.
- 3) Addition of retention basins to retain and confine onsite stormwater.
- Addition of concrete and grass swales, gutter and ditches, including sidewalk culverts to route onsite drainage flow to designated flow patterns.

#### Recommendations

General maintenance should include, but is not limited to:

- Remove debris (rocks, tree leaves, seeds, fruits and limbs, trash, etc.) by raking and picking up before mowing.
- Mow, trim and edge grass once every 10 to 14 days. Remove grass clippings.
- 3) Remove vegetation, dirt and debris from the drain inlets and flush drain lines.
- 4) Prune back tree branches growing over buildings.
- 5) Tree removal or relocation is recommended if it is growing too close to buildings, utility lines, drainage systems and walkways.
- Remove vegetation growing along and on perimeter fence lines, causing damage to fencing.
- Clear and regrade retention basins to remove silt and overgrown plant material and restore basins to its original depth to ensure proper basin function.

- Regrade surrounding areas to match bottom elevation of culverts and flushing of culverts to ensure proper culvert function.
- Clean and regrade existing swales and ditches to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage routes.
- Maintain unpaved roads, driveways and designated parking areas by filling in pot holes, regrading and compacting as needed.

Coordination between the civil engineer and building architect should be conducted for any building additions or improvements. For example, the addition of new temporary or permanent buildings can impede the existing drainage pattern and have potential drainage impacts that should be analyzed by a civil engineer. Site drainage can also be affected by, but not limited to, changes to building roof downspouts, area drains that are part of the building footprint, and roof runoff collection tanks. Previous 2013-2015 civil engineering assessments provided estimated costs for site improvements and site plans identifying locations of these proposed projects for each campus (See Further Reading for link). Those civil engineering site plans can help organize ongoing maintenance needs at each individual campus.

At the territorial level, the facilities manager should be responsible to procure funding for projects that cannot be resolved by grounds maintenance staff. For example, capital improvement project or legislative funds may need to be programmed to provide an emergency access route to the school or for potable water system improvements. Table 1 provides a listing of issues in order of magnitude of costs estimated to correct the problems.

### Table 1 - Estimated costs to correct grounds issues identified in 2015 dollars

|   | Est costs to correct grounds issues<br>identified in 2015 dollars |               |               |               |                |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Civil Subsystem   | Am.<br>Samoa<br>(\$K)   | CNMI<br>(\$K) | Guam<br>(\$K) | USVI<br>(\$K) | Total<br>(\$K) |
| Drainage Swales/Overall Drainage Pattern                | \$821   | \$898         | \$1,308       | \$774         | \$3,800        |
| Headwalls, Catch Basins & Drain Inlets                  | \$186   | \$557         | \$370         | \$346         | \$1,460        |
| Retention/Detention Ponds                               | \$7   | \$496         | \$480         | \$0           | \$983          |
| Fire Protection Distribution and Storage (Water Supply) | \$0   | \$588         | \$11          | \$34          | \$632          |
| Septic Disposal Systems (Sanitary Sewer)                | \$108   | \$68          | \$0           | \$16          | \$192          |
| Potable Water Distribution and Storage (Water Supply)   | \$45  | \$75          | \$26          | \$36          | \$182          |
| Piping (Sanitary Sewer)                                 | \$8   | \$11          | \$13          | \$47          | \$79           |
| Fences & Gates (Site Development)                       | \$11  | \$0           | \$59          | \$0           | \$70           |
| Fire Truck/Emergency Vehicle Access                     | \$0   | \$46          | \$0           | \$0           | \$46           |
| Pumping Station(s) (Water Supply)                       | \$0   | \$10          | \$24          | \$11          | \$45           |
| Erosion Control (Earthwork)                             | \$6   | \$0           | \$0           | \$8           | \$14           |
| Paving & Surfacing (Pedestrian Paving)                  | \$0   | \$0           | \$11          | \$0           | \$11           |
| Paving & Surfacing (Roadways)                           | \$0   | \$0           | \$7           | \$0           | \$7            |
| Lift Stations/Emergency Generators<br>(Sanitary Sewer)  | \$0   | \$2           | \$0           | \$0           | \$2            |
| Total   | \$1,200   | \$2,800       | \$2,400       | \$1,300       | \$7,600        |

(Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, 2015)

#### FURTHER READING

- HHF Planners. (2013-2015). Insular ABCs Initiative: Phase 3 Task 1 - Civil Engineer Assessments:
  - O American Samoa: http://hhfplanners.com/as.html
  - **CNMI:** http://hhfplanners.com/cnmi.html
  - Guam: http://hhfplanners.com/guam.html
  - **USVI:** http://hhfplanners.com/usvi.html

### FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

- Overall site drainage, grass and landscaping need continuous care and maintenance. Is this reflected in your school budget?
- All of the schools visited in 2016 (see full report in Appendix A) had drainage issues that will require additional improvements to be implemented through funded design and construction projects. Are projects that need funding receiving the proper attention?
- If a maintenance situation is urgent, are grounds maintenance staff aware of how to communicate this to school and district administrators for action?
- Is there an adequate mechanism to report, monitor and check that work orders have been resolved in a timely manner?

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# Chapter 2 Staffing Levels

The following benchmarks can be used by Facility Managers to serve as a baseline for determining minimum levels of staffing required for grounds maintenance. In this primer, grounds maintenance is focused on addressing stormwater drainage, septic system maintenance, and the general appearance and safety of the outdoor portions of campus. Grounds maintenance does not include janitorial cleaning of building exteriors or interiors, building facility maintenance, campus security or supplies.

Amount of staff required will vary depending on the level of service desired (see Table 2), available equipment and tools, unique conditions of the site (i.e., steep topography, soil conditions, or other accessibility issues that can limit staff's ability to perform work), and supplies available.

Most importantly, grounds maintenance staff need a reliable way to communicate with the Facility Managers and other administrative staff, in order to report emergencies, alert others to deficiencies that are beyond grounds maintenance staff's scope or responsibility (i.e., HVAC or roofing work that should be performed by licensed contractors or large repair projects that should be classified as capital improvements), communicate general concerns, and to initiate and track work orders.

Assuming grounds maintenance crews are provided with proper equipment, protective gear, training, and support, Facility Managers can use campus areas provided in Appendix C with Table 2 to estimate the number of grounds staff needed. These estimates should only serve as a starting point as they fail to consider site-specific topography, existing grounds conditions, or the amount of actual landscaped area. These considerations should be included in work scoping and budget estimate development.

| Level of Service | Area of<br>Responsibility or<br>Campus Size | Description   |
|------------------|---|---|
| Medium Standard  | 1 worker per 5 to 15<br>acres               | <ul> <li>Trim trees annually</li> <li>Trim shrubs; selectively replace them every 1 to 3 years</li> <li>Mow grass as needed</li> <li>Provide sanitation weekly</li> <li>Limited extra services</li> </ul> |

#### Table 2: Grounds Maintenance Worker Level of Service and Campus Size Benchmarks<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Summarized from *Good School Maintenance*, Edited by James Fritts, Illinois Assoc of School Boards, 2008.

Grounds maintenance is conducted through different means in each territory, and differently for various tasks (see Table 3). Opportunities to leverage community support, maximize the use of custodian time, and take advantage of contractors services should be evaluated, with obvious consideration of staffing and budget limitations, for all facility management offices.

Per Guam Public Law 33-285, \$481,957 was appropriated from the General Fund in FY2017 for grounds maintenance (Appendix H). Anecdotally, these amounts may be insufficient as they were based on a multiple of total school acreage, without consideration of topography, existing grounds condition, or actual landscaped area. School staff report that budgeted amounts are inadequate and inequitable among some villages for complete grounds maintenance, per discussion with some Mayors. Funds are not available within the current budget for tree trimming or removal when necessary and for tree removal and vegetation clearing in retention basins located on school grounds. It is unclear if the Mayor's Council will be given the opportunity by the legislature to provide input on their proposed FY18 beget for complete and acceptable school grounds maintenance.<sup>3</sup>

#### Table 3 - Grounds Maintenance Strategies Used in Each Territory

| Responsible Party | American<br>Samoa | CNMI | Guam | USVI |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Central Office    |                   | х    |      | Х    |
| School Custodians |                   | Х    |      |      |
| Mayors            | х                 |      | X*   |      |

\*Guam Mayors outsource grounds maintenance.

### *FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS*

The following questions are intended to guide facility managers' strategic planning.

- Are custodians present at each school, and could they conduct visual surveys and minor clean up each morning?
- Are custodians aware of grounds maintenance issues and able to report concerns to the facility management office?

- Are contractors available for regular simple landscaping services, and would associated costs be cheaper than keeping full time staff and purchasing/maintaining equipment?
- How can village leaders contribute to the care and appearance of schools in their area, and how can they interact with the facility management office in making work or budget requests?
- Who should be responsible for holding workers accountable for the completion of various tasks and how does this oversight impact available staff time?

<sup>3</sup> Paragraph on grounds maintenance budget was provided by Sabino Flores, HHF Project Manager in Guam.

#### Table 4: Outdoor and Grounds Care Frequency Chart

| DUTIES   | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Annual | As Needed |
|--|-------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Pick up trash & debris                             | Х     |        |         |        |           |
| Sweep entrances & sidewalks                        | Х     |        |         |        |           |
| Inspect play area pavement                         | Х     |        |         |        |           |
| Check playground equipment                         | Х     |        |         |        |           |
| Rake grounds                                       |       | Х      |         |        |           |
| Remove leaves                                      |       | Х      |         |        |           |
| Mow lawn (in season)                               |       | Х      |         |        |           |
| Trim around building & walks                       |       | х      |         |        |           |
| Trim along fence lines                             |       | Х      |         |        |           |
| Inspect drainage structures and clean storm drains |       | Х      |         |        |           |
| Pull weeds or apply herbicide                      |       |        | Х       |        |           |
| Clean roof drains                                  |       |        |         | Х      |           |
| Inspect gutters & downspouts                       |       |        |         | Х      |           |
| Remove graffiti                                    |       |        |         |        | Х         |
| Trim shrubbery or trees                            |       |        |         |        | Х         |
| Replace burnt out light bulbs                      |       |        |         |        | Х         |

### FURTHER READING

- Planning Guide for Maintaining School Facilities. National Forum on Education Statistics and the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Cooperative Education Statistics System, 2003. https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/2003347.pdf
- An Overview of Routine Cleaning and Maintenance for a Healthy School Environment. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency https://www.epa.gov/schools-healthybuildings/overview-routine-cleaning-and-maintenancehealthy-school-environment

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# Chapter 3 Maintaining Drainage Facilities

Generally, the purpose of storm drainage structures is to move rain water away from buildings and prevent site ponding. If water ponds against building foundations, it can cause moisture to seep into the building envelope, damaging walls and in some cases, ponding water causes cracks and foundation settlement. Moisture related problems, such as mold, may also develop. Ponding can limit the use of school grounds, degrade grounds conditions, and may even provide habitat for the propagation of diseasebearing mosquitoes.

The following images show the different types of storm drainage structures on school campuses.



Figure 1: Grass Swale (swales may also be concrete construction)



Figure 2: Trench Drain



Figure 3: Catch Basin

Figure 4: Retention Basin

Figure 5: Drain Pipe Headwall



Figure 6: Sidewalk Culvert



Figure 7: Drainage Channel

### *FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS*

- Some grounds maintenance tasks are best handled by staff in the field. Are grounds maintenance staff consistently performing essential tasks?
- Are staff, parents and other stakeholders satisfied with the general appearance of school grounds? If not, what is the plan to address this?
- Are grounds maintenance staff adequately equipped, trained, and staffed?

### TYPICAL STORM DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Storm drainage structures should be inspected once a month, and especially after a heavy rain. Remove dirt and trash, cut grass, and remove leaves and other debris that can block the flow of water to drain inlets, as well as within the swale or drain. Removal of vegetation and sediment build-up in trench drains, catch basins, rain gutter, concrete swales, side walk culverts and drain pipes is critical to reduce the ponding and flooding problems on campuses. Maintenance staff will need to use hand tools and wheel barrows to dig out sediment and flush clogged drain pipes. Removal of sediment build-up at the outlet end of drain lines is important to the reduce ponding and flooding upstream.

#### **Blocked Swales**



Figure 8: Mud, grass and weeds in concrete and grass swales block the flow of stormwater, causing poor drainage.

#### Clogged Trench Drains

Re-Grading Needed



*Figure 9: Trench drains are easily clogged with dirt and vegetation. Periodic inspection and cleaning is needed to prevent flooding.* 



Figure 10: These grass swales do not convey water to the drain inlet or away from the sidewalks and need to be re-constructed.

### GRASS SWALES

Grass swales are a low-cost and environmentally desirable drainage system that can be easily constructed by simple hand tools such as a pick, shovel and hard hand rake. However, grass swales need periodic maintenance to clear debris or for the re-grading of high points along the swale line that restrict the flow of stormwater to the drain inlet. Grass also needs water (during dry season), fertilizer and periodic mowing.

Grass swales are ideal for areas where water easily

percolates into the ground (i.e., not suitable for clay soils) and where the volume and duration of runoff is limited. Grass swales also have environmental benefits: they slow runoff, filter pollutants and allow rainwater to be reabsorbed on-site. This natural form of stormwater management potentially reduces the need for other drainage structures downstream, but some amount of ponding water should be expected. In situations where that is not suitable, a concretelined drainage structures may be more appropriate. A concrete drainage structures is often necessary in areas with high foot-traffic or large areas involving a large volume of water or steeply sloped sites. A civil engineer is typically involved in the design.

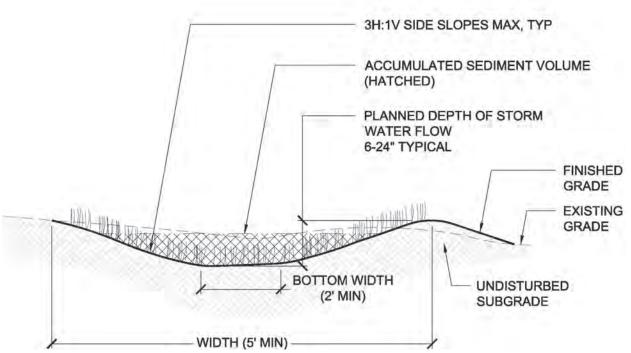


Figure 11: Swale cross section showing planned depth and loss of volume from accumulated sediment. Designed slope is shown as a ratio of horizontal distance (H) to vertical (V).

### TIPS FOR CONSTRUCTING A GRASS SWALE

The depth of the grass swale should begin at ground level where standing water occurs, sloping gently lower as one moves further away. The sides of the swale can be graded and smoothed using a hard rake or a flat shovel. No lining material is necessary other than grass to hold soil in place. For considerations

### FURTHER READING

- Storm Water Permanent Best Management Practices Manual, State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation Highways Division, 2007. http://hidot.hawaii.gov/ wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Appx-E.1-Permanent-BMP-Manual-Feb-2007.pdf
- National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System (NPDES) Stormwater Maintenance, Environmental Protection Agency. https:// www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermaintenance
- Save the Swales, St. Lucie County, Florida, Stormwater/Water Quality Division. http://www.stlucieco.gov/home/ showdocument?id=188
- Common Lawn Grasses for Hawai'i, University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, 2009. https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/ pdf/TM-12.pdf

on grass selection (i.e., hardiness of species and tolerance to drought) see Appendix G.

To plant grass after the swale is created:

- Fertilize the seedbed. Apply seeds uniformly across swale surface. Add mulch on top of seeds for protection during establishment.
- Overseed, repair bare spots, and apply additional mulch as necessary.

### *FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS*

- Which parts of campus have drainage problems? (If you need a map of campus— see links at end of Chapter 1)
- Can the drainage problem be solved by simple routine maintenance (i.e., clearing debris?) or are civil engineering design and other improvements/sources of funding needed?
- How are these needs being communicated to school administrators?

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## **Chapter 4** General Grounds Maintenance

Grounds maintenance workers ensure that the school campus grounds are safe, attractive, orderly, and healthy in order to provide a functional outdoor environment.

Duties consist of keeping school grounds clear of trash, glass, leaves, and other debris; sweeping sidewalks, parking lots, and paved play areas; hosing down sidewalks, steps, and outside entrance areas; maintaining the lawn in a neat and presentable condition by mowing grass, trimming around the buildings, sidewalks, and fence lines; pulling weeds and trimming shrubbery as necessary.

The following general guidelines are provided in response to general observations of school campuses, based on ABCs 2016 site visits. See Appendix A for the full report.

### FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

- Checklists such as Table 4 in Chapter 2, can help ensure maintenance tasks are performed on a consistent basis.
- Such checklists can also serve as the basis for estimating Full-Time-Equivalent staff needed (to adequately provide grounds maintenance services) and key performance indicators to measure staff performance and results.
- If management of grounds maintenance staff is an issue, the district may want to consider outsourcing school grounds maintenance to a private contractor.

#### 1. Keep Campus Clean

General sweeping, raking and picking up leaves, tree litter, foreign debris, trash and garbage, is a daily task to keep the appearance of the campus grounds neat and sanitary. Faculty should remind students to place their trash into a trash container and not on the grounds.



Figure 12: Trash and debris on campus should be cleaned up on a daily basis.

#### 2. Fencing Maintenance

Clear and remove overgrown vegetation along the outside of the perimeter fencing to prevent the chain-link fencing from damage caused by the weight of the vegetation leaning on the fence as well as tree branches falling on the top rail of the fencing. An 8' to 10' wide clear area on the exterior perimeter of the fence should be maintained on a monthly basis by keeping the vegetation cut down to a manageable height. Keeping the fencing from any obstructions is beneficial for security and maintenance purposes. Fencing repairs will be easier to access and less expensive.



*Figure 14: Vegetation has overgrown the existing perimeter chainlink fencing.* 



Figure 13: Dumping of trash and foreign debris should never be allowed on school grounds.



Figure 15: Fallen trees and overgrown vegetation has damaged section on perimeter chainlink fencing.

#### 3. Remove Nuisance Trees

Removal of plant material that is growing in undesirable locations should be removed as soon as possible. There may be instances where a seed from a tree has germinated and is now growing right next to a building, fencing, drainage swale or sewer leaching field that will cause damage or flooding. Removing vegetation where it should not be growing is essential to reducing this type of maintenance and costly repairs. Do not allow the plant to grow into a tree. It is best to remove it when it is still in its juvenile stage of growth.



Figure 16: Young tree growing along the fence line will eventually damage the fence unless it is removed soon.

#### 4. Limit Vehicle Parking

Cars, trucks and other vehicles should not be allowed to park on, drive along, or cross pedestrian walkways, dedicated fire access lanes and drainage ways. Cars and trucks damage both the walkway pavement as well as adjacent grass and landscape areas. Drainage problems and standing water due to deep tire depressions can also breed mosquitoes. Barricades or posting of "NO CARS AND TRUCKS ALLOWED" or "KEEP VEHICLES OFF THE GRASS" may help in deterring people from driving where they should not be driving.



Figure 18: Vehicles parking on grassed areas damages the turf and creates potholes, which degrades site condition, causes erosion, and may create breeding habitat for mosquitoes.



Figure 17: Trees growing along the fence also disrupt the drainage swale and should be removed.



Figure 19: Vehicles parked within a drainage structure damages the planned function of the swale and causes storm water to backup and flood to other areas of campus. These parked cars are also blocking the fire access lane.

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## Chapter 5 Turf (Grass) Maintenance

#### Why Turf Maintenance is Important

Regular turf maintenance is essential in preventing drainage problems, weeds and pest infestations. Turf left uncut for weeks will block surface rain runoff from flowing into drain inlets. An overgrown retention basin can flood other areas. Good turf maintenance practices will promote healthy growth and will benefit the students that are actively using the playfields on a year round basis. Use proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times.

Three important mowing safety guidelines shall be followed to prevent accidents and injuries:

- a. Walk the site before mowing.
- b. Remove debris (rocks, tree limbs, trash, etc.).
- c. Locate any hazards or obstacles (i.e., drain pipes, clean outs, manholes, valve boxes).

#### Selecting the Right Grass

Many factors affect grass selection. Some considerations are: grass species, desired texture, sun exposure, salt tolerance, growth rate and resistance. For example, "No-Mow" bermuda grass requires less mowing and tolerates drought, saline and alkaline soil, but it can be slow to establish, and is susceptible to insects. Appendix G - Common Lawn Grasses for Hawaii is provided as a reference, how ever, a local nursery or a landscape architect may have additional site-specific recommendations.

#### **Mowing Turf**

Turf shall be mowed at a uniform finished height. Mow turf areas to a minimum average height of 2" when average height of grass becomes 3" to 4". The height of turf is measured from the soil. Mowing of turf shall be performed in a manner that prevents scalping, rutting, bruising, uneven and rough cutting. Vary the mowing pattern (i.e., avoid mowing in the same direction every time) to prevent the turf from growing in one direction. Mowing in the same direction will cause soil compaction and ruts. Varying the mowing pattern will result in more upright growth.

Prior to mowing, all rubbish, debris, trash, leaves, rocks, paper, and branches on a turf area shall be

### *FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS*

 Selecting the right grass is important. Certain grasses can help reduce the frequency of lawn trimming because they grow slower. Other species may be more salt tolerant or drought resistant. Consult a local specialist. picked up and disposed. Adjacent paved areas shall be swept and vacuumed clean. Avoid mowing the turf when conditions are wet which will cause an uneven cut and clippings can mat and block sunlight to the grass.

Mowing shall be done on a regular schedule once every 10 to 14 days. Adjust mowing frequency based on the growth rate to remove approximately 1/3 (height) of the grass blade at each mowing.

Mower blades need to be sharp and should be sharpened at least once a week if the mower is being operated on a daily basis.

#### **Turf Edging and Trimming**

Clearing and edging grass along paved walkways is an on-going maintenance task. Keeping the walkways and roadways clear and safe is a priority. Use of an edger or weed-eater is recommended as well as a hand pick and shovel. Grass encroaching onto walkways can become a tripping and slipping hazard. The edges of both sides of the walkway shall be visible and shall not drop off suddenly which can cause ankle injuries. General rule of thumb is to maintain the finish grade to be 1/2" from the top of pavement.

Perimeter of turf limits and paved surfaces shall be edged. Uniformly edge these areas to prevent encroachment of vegetation onto paved surfaces and drain inlets and outlet and to provide a clear cut division line between existing conditions and turf. Edging also is to be accomplished in a manner that prevents scalping, rutting, bruising, uneven and rough cutting. Edging shall be performed on the same day that turf is mowed. Use of string-line trimmers is permitted in "soft" areas such as an edge between turf-grass and roadway edges.

Trimming around fences, poles, drain inlets, manholes, cleanouts, valve boxes and other similar objects is to be accomplished to match the height and appearance of surrounding mowed turf growth. Trimming shall be performed on the same day the turf is mowed.



## Chapter 6 Tree, Palm and Shrub Maintenance

### OVERVIEW

Tree, palm and shrub maintenance involves proper care to prevent disease and maintain the health of the trees, palms and shrubs which includes watering, pruning, pest control, fertilization and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices.

A tree assessment report conducted and prepared by a certified arborist is recommended for all school campuses. The tree assessment report can help identify problem areas where trees are planted too close to building foundations or paving. It can also help recommend more compatible species and appropriate setbacks to buildings (e.g., How big will the anticipated canopy/root area be when the tree is fully grown?). The assessment could also provide recommendations for tree and palm pruning, preservation, maintenance and removal with careful consideration of health and safety concerns. It is a useful tool for a grounds maintenance manager to have in preparing work orders for their own tree



*Figure 20: Example of a large dead tree with branches overhanging a classroom building.* 

maintenance program and yearly budget. Based on the tree assessment report, each tree and palm will be identified, located on a school map, and can be periodically inspected for dead branches, weak or heavy limbs and branches, diseases and insect infestations, or scheduled for replacement/relocation as appropriate.

#### WATERING

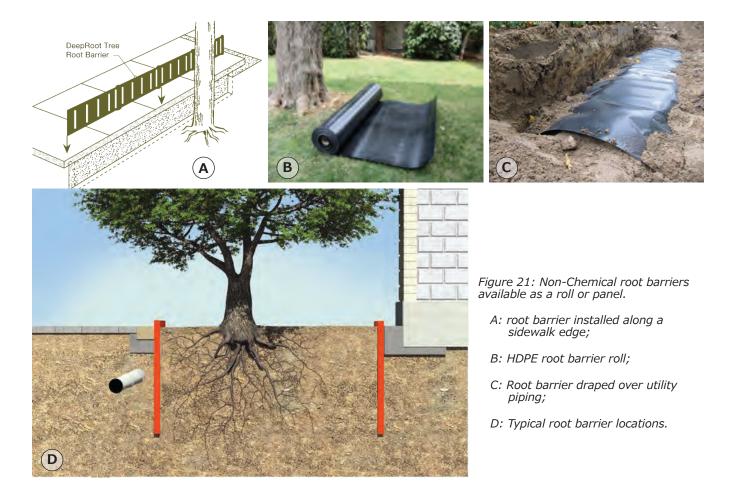
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Trees, palms and shrubs have specific water requirements. It's best to select plants that are naturally suited to the tropical local conditions of the four U.S Territories to minimize maintenance requirements and use of water.

- (a) Do not over-water, which deprives roots of oxygen, stresses the plant and causes roots to become infected. Yellowing of the leaves is also a sign of oxygen starvation and can eventually kill the plant.
- (b) Do not under-water the plants. Signs of stress includes wilting and loss of eaves.
- (c) Avoid frequent light watering, which will promote the development of shallow surface root systems.
- (d) Deep-root watering to a depth of 12 18" will help plants develop a deeper root system. Always allow time for the soil to dry partially between watering.
- (e) Water early during the day so the soil will absorb water before it evaporates when the sun is out.

### ROOT BARRIER

Root barrier can be used as a retrofit measure when an existing tree has been planted too close to existing buildings or sidewalks (Figure 27). Without a root barrier, the tree's roots may undermine the foundation, resulting in uplift and cracking. When installed properly, root barrier can help manage root expansion by redirecting roots either away from a structure or deeper underground to reduce structural impacts. Non-chemical root barriers are available as a high density polyethylene (HDPE) roll or panel. The roll root barrier can be draped over utility lines to protect them from root damage. A panel root barrier can be placed along a sidewalk or surrounding a tree well, to minimize uplift and root damage. See the manufacturer's instructions for more information.



#### PRUNING

Pruning involves the trimming and removal of branches, fronds, and fruits (e.g., coconuts), from trees, palms and shrubs to improve the overall health and appearance and to control or stimulate growth. Pruning is also done to prevent safety hazards, such as falling coconuts.

**Tree Pruning:** The general rule being "remove no more than 25 to 30 percent of the total crown with each pruning". Removing limbs to balance a tree for appearance sake or to increase time between necessary tree maintenance shall not be done. Most routine pruning such as, removal of weak, diseased or dead limbs can be done any time year round.

There are two primary pruning objectives for trees:

- (a) Hazard Reduction Pruning (HRP); the primary objective is to reduce the danger to a specific target caused by visibly defined hazards in a tree such as a dead or damaged branch hanging over utility lines, walkways, roadways or buildings.
- (b) Maintenance Pruning (MP); the primary objective is to maintain or improve tree health and structure, and includes hazard reduction pruning.

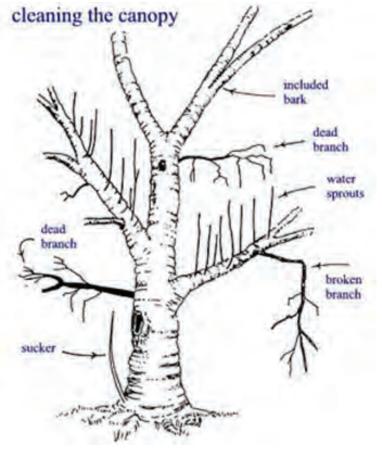


Figure 22: Example of a tree in need of Crown Cleaning.

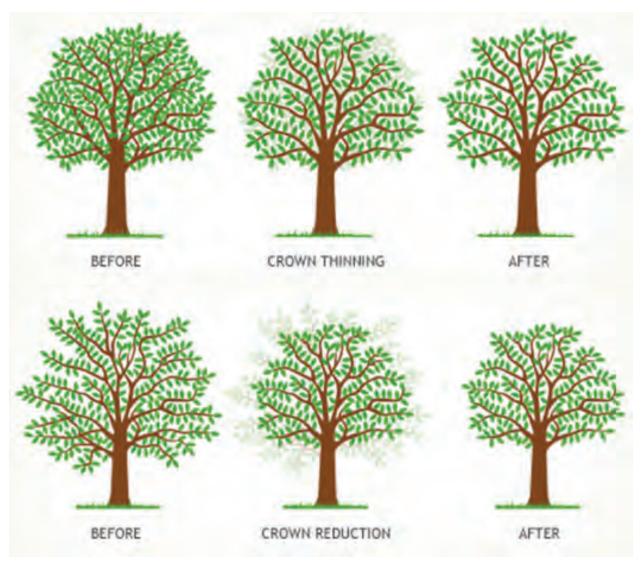


Figure 23: Examples of Crown Thinning and Crown Reduction.

**Tree Pruning Types:** HRP and MP consist of one or more pruning types.

- (a) Crown Cleaning shall consist of the selective removal of one or more of the following items: dead, dying or diseased branches, weak branches, water sprouts and storm damaged growth. ("Water sprouts" are a symptom that too much leaf surface has been removed from a tree; aka, sucker growth).
- (b) Crown Thinning shall consist of the selective removal of branches to increase light penetration, air movement and reduce weight. Only perform this pruning type if the health of the tree is declining.

- (c) Crown Reduction decreases the height and/ or spread of a tree without losing the natural shape/form of the tree.
- (d) Crown Restoration improves the structure, form and appearance of trees that have been severely headed or vandalized.

**Tree Pruning Guidelines:** Follow the guidelines below to prune correctly and safely.

- (a) Always cut branches just beyond the branch collar and not flush with the trunk.
- (b) Avoid leaving a stub beyond the edge of the branch collar, which can result in decay spreading into the trunk of the tree.
- (c) Avoid topping a tree.
- (d) Avoid pruning the trunk of a tree, unless the tree is being removed entirely.

- (e) Always use sharp tools to make clean cuts.
- (f) Always disinfect pruning equipment after pruning, even when moving to other plants in the same area, to prevent the spread of disease organisms.
- (g) Always wear appropriate PPE, including eyewear, footwear, head protection and gloves.

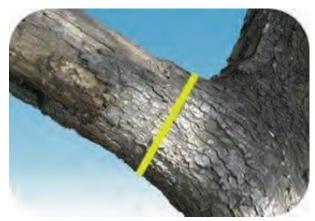


Figure 24: The branch collar is the point where a branch joins the trunk or another branch. This is the area the arborist chooses to make a proper cut.



Figure 25: The wrinkles in the branch collar are the tree's first line of defense against the invasion of micro-organisms. The final cut should be made just outside these wrinkles.



Figure 26: In good pruning technique, a surgical cut preserves the branch collar, and should be made square to the diameter of the stem. This produces the smallest theoretical wound. If a cut is made on the diagonal, it creates a larger oval sloping cut, which makes it harder for the wound to heal.

#### **Palm Pruning**

Prune palms to remove dead, dying, diseased, damaged or unwanted fronds, seed pods and fruit clusters.

#### **Pruning for Coconut Palms**

- (c) Barricade off area below pruning operation to create a safe pedestrian way.
- (d) Remove fronds that are hanging below the horizontal plain.
- (e) Remove fruits, seed pods and fruit stalk two times a year or as required to maintain safety of personnel, students and property.

#### **Root Pruning**

Have a certified arborist evaluate and perform or oversee tree root pruning. Never cut/remove all of the tree surface roots. Make sure that an arborist is consulted to determine the extent and amount of roots to be removed.

#### **Pruning for Shrubs**

(a) Prune shrubs if the branches start to overhang walkways and roadways.

- (b) Prune shrubs if the plants are obstructing view of on-coming vehicles and pedestrians.
- (c) Cut and remove dead, broken or unhealthy wood back to a healthy part of the plant.

#### EQUIPMENT

#### Pruning Equipment

Pruning equipment consists of motorized and handoperated tools. Select the appropriate tool to the type of pruning and the diameter of the branches being cut. Training and precautions are required for motorized tools and equipment, such as chainsaws and chippers.

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Figure 27: Pruning saws are used to cut branches too large for hand pruners or loppers

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Figure 28: Use hand pruners to cut branches up to 1/2" in diameter.

Figure 30: Chainsaws are used for cutting large limbs; operating a chainsaw requires training.

in diameter.

Figure 29: Loppers are used to cut branches up to 1-1/2

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Figure 31: Use shears and / or motorized hedge trimmers for trimming hedges.

Figure 32: Chippers reduce branches and leaves into a reusable mulch product, but operating the chipper requires training.

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Okahara and Associates, Inc. ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

December 27, 2016

#### CONFIRMATION NOTICE NO. 08

#### SITE INSPECTION REPORT

| Project : Insular Schools Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms, Phase 3, Year Two<br>Contract number W9128A-11-D-0004<br>Territory: Guam |  |  |
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| Dates of Site Inspections:   | December 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2016   |  |
| Inspection Participants:   | Irvin Higashi, Okahara and Associates (Day 1, 2, 3 & 4)<br>Alan Nishimura, Okahara and Associates (Day 1, 2, 3 & 4)<br>Paul Cruz, GDOE (Day 1, 2, 3 & 4)<br>Rod Traya, GDOE (Day 1, 2, 3 & 4)<br>Jon Quidachay, Bldg. Maintenance Superintendent, GDOE<br>(Day 2 Partial, 3 & 4 Partial)<br>John C. Flores, Bldg. Maintenance Superintendent, GDOE<br>(Day 2 Partial, 3 & 4) |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Day 1: December 12, 2016</li> <li>1. D.L. Perez Elementary School</li> <li>2. Finegayan Elementary School</li> <li>3. Wettengel Elementary School</li> <li>4. Maria A Ulloa Elementary School</li> </ul>  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Day 2: December 13, 2016</li> <li>5. Vincente S.A. Benavente Middle School</li> <li>6. Juan M Guererro Elementary School</li> <li>7. PC Lujan Elementary School</li> <li>8. L.P. Untalan Middle School</li> <li>9. Capt Price Elementary School</li> <li>10. Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School</li> <li>11. Carbuillido Elementary School</li> </ul>              |  |
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#### Day 4: December 15, 2016

- 18. Southern High School
- 19. Truman Elementary School
- 20. L.B.J. Elementary School

Between December 12, 2016 and December 15, 2016, Okahara and Associates, Inc. (OAI) conducted and completed grounds site assessments for 20 schools on the island of Guam of the U.S. territory focusing on general condition of the campus grounds maintenance and drainage issues. We have been informed that for most of the schools, the Mayors of each local village is responsible for the cutting and maintaining of the grass. The quality and scheduling of the grass cutting is varied from school to school. The extent of the grass maintenance should be made consistent to improve the overall campus appearance and drainage systems. The following is a summary of our observations with photos and comments at the various schools campuses visited.

- 1) The existing school campus grounds appears to be deficient in the care and maintenance of the campus exterior grounds in terms of maintaining the overall site drainage system, grass and the landscape.
  - Overgrown grass, weeds and debris has taken over play areas, drain inlets, concrete swales, sidewalk culverts, trench drains and rain gutters that leads to ponding and flooding where water cannot flow properly. Grass clippings and built-up sediments are left in place that is clogging up swales and drain inlets.
  - b. Drain pipes to allow water to flow under sidewalks are buried.
  - c. Drain inlets and outlets are partially buried.
  - d. Trees growing too close to buildings and roots uplifting pavement.
  - e. Perimeter fencing are being damaged and overwhelmed with overgrown vegetation.
  - f. Poor soils and percolation are a maintenance problem at certain school campuses where drainage needs to be improved and/or the poor soils needs to be replaced.
- 2) General maintenance should include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Remove debris (rocks, tree leaves, seeds, fruits and limbs, trash, etc.) by racking and picking up before mowing.
  - b. Mow, trim and edge grass once every 10 to 14 days. Remove grass clippings.
  - c. Removal of vegetation, dirt and debris from the drain inlets and flushing of drain lines.
  - d. Tree branches growing over buildings needs to be removed and pruned back.
  - e. Tree removal or relocation is recommended if it is growing too close to buildings, utility lines, drainage systems and walkways.
  - f. Removal of vegetation growing along and on perimeter fence lines, causing damage to fencing.

- g. Clearing and regrading of retention basins to remove silt and overgrown plant material and restore basins to its original depth to ensure proper basin function.
- h. Regrading of surrounding areas to match bottom elevation of culverts and flushing of culverts to ensure proper culvert function.
- i. Cleaning and regrading of existing swales and ditches to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage routes.
- j. Maintaining unpaved roads, driveways and designated parking areas by filling in pot holes, re-grading and compacting as needed.
- All of the schools visited has drainage issues that will require additional improvements to be implemented through funded design and construction projects. The proposed drainage improvements include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Addition of roof gutters to reroute drainage roof runoff to designated drainage areas.
  - b. Addition of new drainage collection systems to allow the drainage of ponding and flooded areas.
  - c. Addition of retention basins to retain and confine onsite runoff and reduce onsite ponding.
  - d. Addition of concrete and grass swales, gutter and ditches, including sidewalk culverts to route onsite drainage flow to designated flow patterns.
- 4) Examples of landscape and drainage issues at various school campuses.



a. Overgrown grass, weeds and vegetation due to infrequent maintenance.

(All of the above) Grass needs to be cut every 10 to 14 days and remove overgrown vegetation.

b. Overgrown grass, weeds and vegetation covering and clogging drain inlets.



Remove overgrown grass / weeds covering major drain inlets and remove dirt and debris inside the drain inlets and flush drain lines.



Partial buried drain pipes crossing under walkway pavements.

(All of the above) Remove dirt and debris blocking drain pipe under the pavement and re-grade the existing swale to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage routes.



d. Buried drain pipe outlets and culverts.

(All of the above) Locate and shovel out the buried drain pipe at both ends and re-grade the surrounding areas to match bottom elevation of culverts and water flushing of culverts to restore full drainage flow.

e. Trees branches overhanging building and roots uplifting walkway pavement.





(Left Photo) Prune tree branches growing into and over the building.

(Right Photo) Recommend re-routing the concrete walkway far enough away from the existing tree.



Prune tree branches growing over the buildings.

f. Remove or relocate trees that are too close to buildings, drainage structures and fences that will cause damage as the tree matures in size.



(Left Photo) Remove invasive African Tulip tree growing at the base of the chain link fence.

(Right Photo) Remove unwanted trees and palm growing inside of the concrete swale.

g. Loose grass clippings, weeds and debris will clog drain inlets and swales to pond and flood drainage ways and pavement.



Rake and remove grass clippings and tree litter after cutting to prevent clogging of swales and drain inlets.



(Left Photo) Grass clipping can root and reestablish in areas not suitable for grass and should be removed.

(Right Photo) Rake and remove grass clippings and tree litter after cutting to prevent clogging of swales and drain inlets.



Rake and remove grass clippings in lawn and pavement areas after cutting to prevent clogging of swales and drain inlets.

h. Drainage swales cluttered with debris and sediment will restrict flow through drain pipes and culverts.



(Left Photo) Remove dead branches and overgrown vegetation and re-grade the existing swale to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage routes.

(Right Photo) Remove built-up sediment and vegetation blocking drain swale to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage culverts.



Remove built-up sediment and vegetation blocking drain swale under pavement to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage culverts.



(All of the above) Remove all dirt and debris from the drain inlets and water flush to clear drain lines.

j) Sediment and weeds have filled up the trench drains causing ponding and flooding of surrounding areas.



Removal of dirt and debris from the trench drain grates and channel. Water flushing of trench drain to restore full drainage flow.

 Playground structure is unsafe and needs to be removed, replaced or refurbished. Playground surfacing does not meet fall height safety standards.



(Left Photo) Hard coral surface is not a safe surfacing for fall protection and needs to be replaced with a certified resilient play surface.

(Right Photo) Replace plastic slide which has a hole at the bottom end of the slide and the surrounding area needs to be replaced with a certified resilient play surface.



(Left Photo) Grass is not a safe surfacing for fall protection and needs to be replaced with a certified resilient play surface.

(Right Photo) Play structure needs to be replaced with a certified resilient play surface.

I) Rain runoff from roofs causing flooding and erosion to ground below.



Add new rain gutters and downspouts where applicable to prevent flooding and reduce erosion by redirecting rainwater.

m) Concrete drainage ditches and swales are filled with dirt and overgrown vegetation.



Remove dirt, grass and weeds growing in concrete lined ditches and swales that are blocking the flow towards the drain.



(Left Photo) Remove mud that has filled the concrete drainage ditch. Cars parked in drainage ditch and blocking fire access road.

(Right Photo) Remove built-up sediment and vegetation blocking drain swale to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage swale beyond.



(All of the above) Re-construct swale to flow freely towards the drain inlets.

Remove dead or dying trees and palms. 0)





Remove dead trees and tree stumps and replace with new soil and grass.



Overgrown vegetation causes damage to chain link fencing.

Remove overgrown trees, shrubs and vines growing on the chain link fencing and repair any damage as necessary. Maintain a clear buffer zone to minimize the build-up of vegetative growth on either side of the fence.

q) Potholes in roadways and parking areas.



Repair and fill in potholes with similar material and compact.

r) Grass areas have been eroded to subgrade material.



Restore grass by adding topsoil and reseed with locally suitable grass seeds.



Heavy clay soils and poor drainage is creating ponding and flooding problems. A more porous and stable base material should be considered.



Heavy clay soils and poor drainage is creating ponding and flooding problems in the grass and pavement areas. Major rain water runoff from the building roofs are contributing to the flooding. Soil replacement and additional new drainage collection systems is recommended to allow the drainage of ponding and flooded areas.

**End of Site Visit Report** 



December 27, 2016

#### CONFIRMATION NOTICE No. 07

#### SUMMARY REPORT OF IN-BRIEF MEETING

Project : Insular Schools Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms, Phase 3, Year Two, Contract number W9128A-11-D-0004

Territory: Guam

The purpose of the In-Brief Meeting was for the consultants to begin the school site visits and to meet the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) staff.

The In-Brief Meeting was held at 9:05 a.m., Monday, December 12, 2016, in the Central Office at Guam Department of Education, 500 Mariner Avenue, Barrigada, Guam 96913-1608 / Ground Floor Conference Room, Building A. The attendees were:

| Guam DOE               | Christopher Anderson   |
|------------------------|--|
|                        | Randy Romero   |
|                        | Paul Cruz  |
|                        | Rod Traya  |
| Okahara and Associates | Irvin Higashi, Landscape Architect<br>Alan Nishimura, Civil Engineer |

#### SUMMARY OF MEETING

1. Introductions and Purpose of Site Visits

Introductions and greetings were made and Irvin started off the meeting by stating the intent of Okahara's site visit meeting.

The site assessment plans previously prepared by Austin, Tsutsumi and Associates are the basis for conducting the site visits for each school to verify the deficiencies and recommendations noted. We will note and record any other deficiencies or problems within the grounds and provide recommendations and updates to changes that may have occurred after the previous site assessment reports for each school campus visited. Photographs will be taken and documented to help in identifying each specific items being addressed. General maintenance items will be noted as well.

"Landscape Training Manual for Maintenance Technicians", published by the National Association of Landscape Professionals, was presented and passed around to the

group. This training manual can be used as an essential how-to resource for the current grounds maintenance staff and also as guidance for training future new hires and in-coming maintenance personnel.

The grounds maintenance primer will be prepared by Okahara and Associates.

- 2. Discussions
  - A. Chris Anderson: Stated that at Oceanview Middle School, Buildings No. 5 and No. 6 are temporarily being used. Building No. 3 is currently vacant due to flooding on the 1st floor.
  - B. Paul Cruz: Stated the need to address damages to perimeter fences being damaged by overgrown vegetation. Some schools have wild pigs tearing up the grass on campuses. Mayor's offices has work crews that does all of the cutting of the grass on school campuses.
  - C. Randy Romero: Stated that property lines exact boundaries are unknown for some schools.
  - D. J.P Torres Success School has issues with ponding and mosquitoes breeding.
- 3. <u>Site Visits Schedule</u>

Site visits will be performed during December 12 through December 15, 2016 and is subject to change.

- A. Monday, December 12, 2016 : Paul Cruz and Rod Traya will accompany Irvin and Alan
  - 1. D.L. Perez Elementary School
  - 2. Finegayan Elementary School
  - 3. Wettengel Elementary School
  - 4. Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School
- B. Tuesday, December 13, 2016
   Paul Cruz and Rod Traya will accompany Irvin and Alan
  - 5. Vicente S.A Benavente Middle School
  - 6. Carbuillido Elementary School
  - 7. L.P. Untalan Middle School
  - 8. P.C. Lujan Elementary School
  - 9. Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School
- C. Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Paul Cruz and Rod Traya will accompany Irvin and Alan
  - 10. J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School
  - 11. Capt. Price Elementary School
  - 12. George Washington High School
  - 13. Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School

- 14. Agueda Johnston Middle School
- D. Thursday, December 15, 2016

Paul Cruz and Rod Traya will accompany Irvin and Alan

- 15. Southern High School
- 16. J.P. Torres Success School
- 17. Oceanview Middle School
- 18. Marcial Sablan Elementary School
- 19. L.B.J Elementary School
- 3. Next Meeting

The out-brief meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 4:00 pm at the same Guam DOE conference room.



December 27, 2016

#### CONFIRMATION NOTICE No. 09

#### SUMMARY REPORT OF OUT-BRIEF MEETING

Project : Insular Schools Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms, Phase 3, Year Two, Contract number W9128A-11-D-0004

Territory: Guam

The purpose of the Out-Brief Meeting was for the consultants to begin the school site visits and to meet the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) staff.

The Out-Brief Meeting was held at 4:22 p.m., Friday, December 15, 2016, in the Central Office at Guam Department of Education, 500 Mariner Avenue, Barrigada, Guam 96913-1608 / Ground Floor Conference Room, Building A. The attendees were:

| Guam DOE               | Taling Taitano   |
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|                        | Randy Romero   |
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#### SUMMARY OF MEETING

- 1. Summary Briefing of Site Visits to 20 Schools:
  - 1.1 Assessment of Existing Conditions:
    - a. Based on the site visits to 20 schools, there are significant concerns with, overgrown vegetation, covered drain inlets and trench drains, drainage ditches, swales, and culverts, which contributed to flooding and ponding areas.
    - b. Vehicles parking in un-designated areas creates drainage problems.
    - c. Chain-link fencing badly damaged by over-grown vegetation at most schools.
    - d. Large trees needs to be pruned for health and safety reasons.
  - 1.2 General maintenance should include:
    - a. Removal of dirt and debris from the drain inlets and flushing of drain lines.

- b. Regrading of surrounding areas to match bottom elevation of culverts and flushing of culverts to ensure proper culvert function.
- c. Cleaning and regrading of existing swales and ditches to ensure proper direction of flow and capacity of drainage routes.
- 2. Recommendations

#### 2.1 Civil Engineering

- a. The majority of schools visited will require civil engineering design plans to construct new grading for parking lots and driveways, additional drainage features such as fencing, rain gutters, downspouts, drain inlets, concrete swales, trench drains, reconstruction of sidewalks, ramps, and curbs, and proposed retention basins. Topographic surveys will need to be provided.
- 3. A brief power point presentation showing photos of all schools visited on Monday, as well as Southern High School and J.P Torres Success School. Handouts of the list below was given out prior to the presentation.

#### DECEMBER 12, 2016 (MONDAY)

- 1) D.L. PEREZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Add Retention Basin at southwest corner of property
  - Road 29 Clean out offsite ponding basin
  - Include new retention basin at northern end of campus
- 2) FINEGAYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Clear out overgrown vegetation along existing chain link fence line at northern end of campus
- 3) WETTENGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Redirect runoff around covered drop-off area to existing Drain Inlet instead of saw-cutting through covered drop-off area
  - Tree pruning existing branches are overhanging existing buildings

#### 4) MARIA A. ULLOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Add rain gutters to Bldgs. 2 and 3
- Located existing buried drain pipes underneath pavement areas

#### DECEMBER 13, 2016 (TUESDAY)

- 5) VICENTE S.A. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Need to update and modify proposed site drainage plan
  - Proposed sump area located to the south of the existing Basketball Court will need to be relocated
  - Tree trimming
  - Need to repair existing chain link fence along eastern boundary
  - Add rain gutters along gym roof
- 6) JUAN M. GUERRERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Need to update and modify proposed site drainage plan
- 7) P.C. LUJAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Reroute existing concrete walkway away from existing tree at south end of Bldg.
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  - Remove loose coral rock in swale along the immediate vicinity to the east of Bldg. 12
  - Remove two (2) existing tree stumps fronting parking area at school entrance
- 8) L.P. UNTALAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - Redirect surface runoff at existing playfield away from adjacent parking lot area and into the existing basin to the immediate east of the parking lot area
  - Surface damage noted along parking lot area immediately adjacent to existing basin
  - Volleyball court area adjacent to Bldg. 29 Connect existing downspouts and route to existing drain inlet. Proposed one (1) additional drain inlet located in the middle of two (2) existing drain inlets
- 9) CAPT. PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - General maintenance of existing drainage features
  - Routine grass cutting schedule needs to be implemented
- 10) ORDOT CHALAN PAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Repair existing chain link fence enclosing existing retention basins.
  - Recommend installing fence with a 8-10 ft buffer between existing damaged fence along south end of campus at Bldgs. 8 and 9
  - Standing water observed in existing retention basin along exit driveway. Existing retention basin may need to be deepened and widened
- 11) CARBUILLIDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - Existing ponding basin to the immediate west of Bldg 8 has been filled-in, but needs to be restored. Existing trees need to be removed in the adjacent area.

#### DECEMBER 14, 2016 (WEDNESDAY)

- 12) AGUEDA JOHNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - Need to update and modify proposed site drainage plan
  - Propose concrete swales for existing basketball court area to the west of Bldg 5
  - Need to address soft soil in open grass area to the south of the existing cafeteria. Need to maintain proper existing fire lane access road.
  - Removal of trees within existing drainage swales
  - Clear out overgrown bamboo vegetation along existing chain link fence line at east and south boundary of campus
- 13) GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
  - Guam DOE to verify drain inlet invert elevations located between Bldgs 17 and 20
  - Recommend additional drain inlets at various locations around campus
  - Maintain clear access to existing parking lot catch basin immediately adjacent to cafeteria.
- 14) J.Q. SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - General maintenance of existing drainage features

#### 15) MA SABLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Add retention basin at south end of Bldgs 19 and 21
- Could not locate drain inlet at southeast corner of Bldg 1
- Remove large java plum tree north of Bldg 2
- Prune existing mango trees north of Bldgs 19 and 20
- 16) OCEANVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
  - Existing 8-Inch drain line covered by construction of secondary parallel ramp along west end between Bldgs 7 and 8 and between Bldgs 8 and 9. Areas need to be reconstructed to allow surface runoff to drain out of existing courtyard areas.
  - Standing water noted and a concern for mosquito breeding along southern edge of fire access road adjacent to Bldgs 6 and 7
  - Construct riprap at culvert outlet area along school entrance road
- 17) JP TORRES SUCCESS SCHOOL
  - Area to the south of Bldgs 3, 4, 5, and 6 Add concrete ditch w/ 4-ft high chain link fence on property line side of concrete ditch and slope to existing drain inlet

#### DECEMBER 15, 2016 (THURSDAY)

- 18) SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL
  - Courtyard Area for Bldgs 15, 16, and 17 Need to be redesigned to allow surface runoff and runoff from Bldg roofs to drain. Also need to add concrete swales to connect to existing drain inlets.
  - Parking along existing fire lane access road should be prohibited so existing concrete swale is not blocked. Clean out existing concrete swale of mud and debris and maintain.
- 19) TRUMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - General maintenance of existing drainage features
  - Current ATA recommendations to be followed
- 20) L.B.J. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
  - General maintenance of existing drainage features
- 4. <u>Schedule:</u> The draft civil maintenance primer for Guam to be submitted for USACE for review and comment in early March 2017.

End of Meeting.

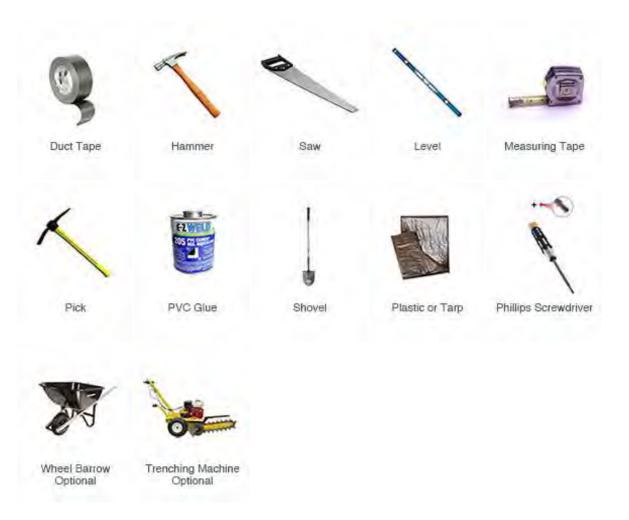
## Appendix B

### Downspout Water Drainage System

Building roof eaves needs to have rain gutters installed along the roof eaves to prevent eroding the ground below. Downspouts will also need to be installed at the ends of the roof eaves and along the vertical exterior wall of the building. A subsurface corrugated drain pipe shall be connected to the downspout and extend to a location where the rainwater will flow in a direction as to not cause any flooding problems. A pop-up drain emitter to be attached at the end of the corrugated drain line to allow the water to flow out during rain. (See Step 3: Install Pop-Up Emitter))

#### List of Tools Needed, Shopping List, and Installation Instructions

**Tools Needed** 



#### Shopping List

Quantity needed of each part will vary based on several factors specific to your project including system length, rainfall intensity, and number of problem areas. Pipe and fittings are offered in two sizes: 3" and 4". Size availability will vary based on region and store. Ensure that component sizes are consistent throughout your drainage system.

| NDS (or equivalent) Part | Description                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Number                   |                                    |
| 321 or 421               | 3" or 4" Pop-up Emitter with Elbow |
| 3P02 or 4P02             | 3" or 4" Sewer and Drain Elbow     |
| 101                      | Spee-D Basin (or equivalent)       |
| 80                       | 6″ Atrium Grate                    |
| Generic                  | 3" or 4" Drain Pipe                |

#### Installation Instructions

#### Note Before You Dig

Prior to installation, have your local utility companies locate and mark the location of existing utilities. Lay out your drainage system and mark the location of trenches and individual parts to be installed with marking paint before digging. Carefully remove grass or plants that are located where the trench will be dug so they can be replanted after installation. Trenches should be dug such that they slope a minimum of 1% away from your house. Place all excavated dirt on a tarp so that it can be used later to backfill.

To speed up installation, a trenching machine can be used to dig all trenches, especially in areas with particularly hard soil. NDS drainage products have been designed to be installed in any soil type. Due to the variety of pipe types and sizes, double check that all pipe connection points are the correct size. Please follow all installation directions included with the individual parts of your drainage system. To create watertight connections between products, apply a bead of waterproof silicone to both parts and connect.

This system requires that the elevation of the Pop-Up Emitter be lower than the elevation of the area drain or the system will not drain.

Step 1: Lay out system, dig trenches and holes



Dig holes and trench for pipe and catch basins. Dry fit (no glue) the entire drainage system from the catch basin to the pop-up emitter. Measure and cut all pipe to necessary lengths. After completing each step, glue parts together. TIP: If installing the drain in an existing concrete area, a wet concrete saw will be required to cut the concrete prior installation.

#### Step 2: Install Spee-D Basin (or equivalent) beneath downspout



Before beginning your installation, check if your downspout has a downspout elbow connected. If not, connect a downspout elbow to your downspout. The Spee-D Basin (or equivalent) should be installed in the ground directly beneath the downspout elbow to catch all water draining from the downspout. Connect the drain pipe to the Spee-D Basin. The Spee-D Basin can be used to clean out any debris that may enter the system and also serves as an inlet for surface water. Once installation is complete, place the atrium grate on the Spee-D Basin. A 6" SDR-35 drain pipe can be inserted into the Spee-D basin to raise the elevation of the atrium grate. The Atrium grate will also fit into the "bell" or "hub" end of the pipe or on a 6" sewer and drain coupler.

**TIP:** Dig the hole for the basin an additional 6" deeper than needed. Place 6" of gravel in the bottom of the hole. Drill small holes in the bottom of the basin to prevent standing water in the bottom of the basin.

Step 3: Install Pop-Up Emitter



Using a Corrugated Pipe Adapter, connect the EZ-Drain to an elbow with a weep hole. The elbow should be installed with the weep hole on the horizontal side of the elbow. Slide the Pop-up Emitter onto the elbow. An additional length of pipe can be used to bring Pop-up emitter to the surface.

**TIP:** To avoid damaging your Pop-Up Emitter with your lawn mower, raise the cutting level of the blades or avoid passing the mower over the Pop-Up Emitter

#### Step 4: Backfill and Replant



Backfill and replace any grass or plants that were removed.

**TIP:** DO NOT BACKFILL WITH SOIL WITH HIGH CLAY CONTENT. Water must be able to easily pass through the backfilled soil. This page intentionally left blank

# Appendix C

### Approximate Campus Lot Areas

| Insular Area | School Name                               | Campus<br>Area |
|--------------|---|----------------|
| Guara        | Adama Elementaria Cabad                   | (acres)        |
| Guam         | Adacao Elementary School                  | 15.67          |
| Guam         | Agana Heights Elementary School           | 9.03           |
| Guam         | Agueda Johnston Middle School             | 20.00          |
| Guam         | Astumbo Elementary School                 | 12.40          |
| Guam         | Astumbo Middle School                     | 16.90          |
| Guam         | C.L. Taitano Elementary School            | 5.89           |
| Guam         | Capt Price Elementary School              | 8.59           |
| Guam         | Carbullido Elementary School              | 7.73           |
| Guam         | Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School   | 18.09          |
| Guam         | Daniel L. Perez Elementary School         | 11.27          |
| Guam         | F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School          | 15.62          |
| Guam         | F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School            | 11.00          |
| Guam         | Finegayan Elementary School               | 16.72          |
| Guam         | George Washington High School             | 52.24          |
| Guam         | Inarajan Elementary School                | 12.58          |
| Guam         | Inarajan Middle School                    | 11.84          |
| Guam         | J.P. Torres Elementary School             | 9.00           |
| Guam         | J.Q. San Miguel Elementary School         | 11.58          |
| Guam         | JFK High School                           | 19.70          |
| Guam         | Jose Rios Middle School                   | 10.68          |
| Guam         | Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School        | 14.44          |
| Guam         | L.P. Untalan Middle School                | 10.58          |
| Guam         | LBJ Elementary School                     | 10.27          |
| Guam         | Liguan Elementary School                  | 10.22          |
| Guam         | M.A. Sablan Elementary School             | 8.83           |
| Guam         | M.U. Lujan Elementary School              | 12.43          |
| Guam         | Machananao Elementary School              | 11.21          |
| Guam         | Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School          | 10.81          |
| Guam         | Merizo Martyrs Memorial Elementary School | 16.49          |
| Guam         | Oceanview Middle School                   | 22.88          |
| Guam         | Okkodo High School                        |                |

| Insular Area | School Name                          | Campus<br>Area |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|              |                                      | (acres)        |
| Guam         | Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary School  | 12.00          |
| Guam         | P.C. Lujan Elementary School         | 14.49          |
| Guam         | Simon Sanchez High School            | 20.74          |
| Guam         | Southern High School                 | 41.80          |
| Guam         | Talofofo Elementary School           | 13.96          |
| Guam         | Tamuning Elementary School           | 7.70           |
| Guam         | Truman Elementary School             | 9.62           |
| Guam         | Upi Elementary School                | 17.38          |
| Guam         | Vicente S.A. Benavente Middle School | 21.97          |
| Guam         | Wettengel Elementary School          | 15.56          |

## Appendix D Safety and First Aid

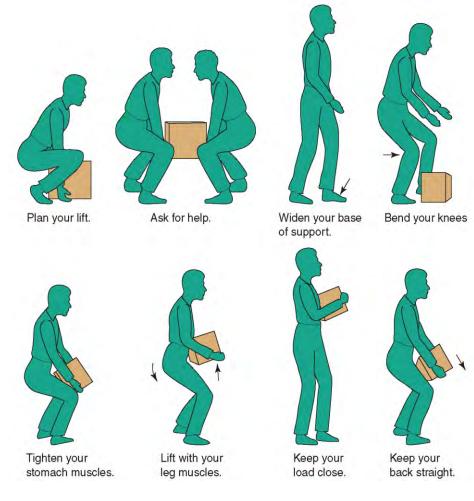
On the job accident prevention is the responsibility of all the employees. It is the further responsibility of each employee to correct or report any unsafe condition or practice that he or she may observe.

Each supervisor is responsible for prevention of accidents to employees working under his/her supervision. It is the supervisor's responsibility to train these employees to enable them to work safely and efficiently.

#### A. General Safety Rules:

The following are some important general safety rules that each employee is required to follow, regardless of work assignments.

1. Lifting improperly is a major factor of the tremendous number of claims for back injuries. The following procedures should be followed:



- a) Size up the load; make sure it is stable and balanced. Test the weight to ensure you can lift it yourself.
- b) Plan the job. Ensure that your path of travel is clear and that you have identified the location where you will place the load.
- c) Establish a good base of support. Use a wide balanced stance with one foot ahead of the other.
- d) Bend your knees and get as close to the object as possible. Lift with your legs and not your back.
- e) Get a good grip on the object to be lifted. Make sure you can maintain your hold throughout the lift and won't have to adjust your hands later.
- f) Lift gradually, don't jerk, but use a slow steady movement.
- g) Keep the load close while carrying; this prevents you from arching your back and adding additional stress to your back.
- h) Pivot; don't twist when you need to change directions. Move your feet in the direction of the lift. Twisting is especially harmful for your back.
- i) If the load is too heavy either enlist another helper or use a mechanical device.
- 2. All employees shall keep tools, equipment, and work areas clean and orderly.
- 3. Keep aisles stairways and exits clear of boxes and other tripping hazards. Do not obstruct exits.
- 4. Clean spills immediately. Mark the spill if you must leave to retrieve assistance or additional supplies.
- 5. Each employee should know the location of fire extinguishers in their work area. The area in front of a fire extinguisher should be kept clear for ready access. Employees should not fight fires that are beyond their fire training and limitations of the available fire-fighting equipment. When in doubt, call 911 and evacuate to a safe area.
- 6. Gasoline will not be used as a washing or cleaning fluid. When cleaning solvent is required, use an approved cleaning solvent.
- 7. Any employee, while on duty or on district property, who possesses, sells, or receives any illegal drug or who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, will be discharged and, in appropriate situations, referred to law enforcement authorities.
- 8. Smoking will not be allowed within any school campus property.
- 9. Use caution when opening doors which serve two-way pedestrian traffic.

- 10. Use a stepladder or a step stool for reaching above shoulder height. Never stand on the cap of a ladder.
- While in a district vehicle, seat belts are required to be worn at all times. Do not disable airbags unless you have written permission from your Supervisor.
- 12. Material will be stored in a safe and orderly fashion. Flammable liquids should be stored in an approved Flammable Storage Cabinet.
- Do not operate machinery that you are not familiar with and have not been trained to use.
- 14. Inspect all tools and equipment prior to use to ensure they are in working order and do not present a hazard.
- 15. After use put all tools/or equipment back in their proper place.

Disconnect all electrical cords

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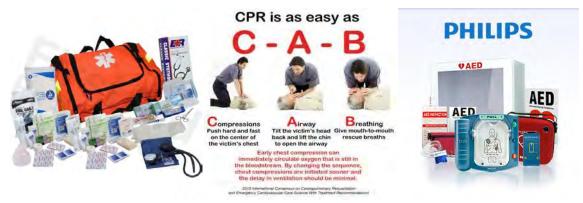
- by grasping the plug and carefully disengaging; never yank by the cord. If an electrical cord is frayed or wires are exposed remove it from service.
- 17. Use handrails when using the stairways. Never take more than one stair at a time.
- 18. Only qualified, designated employees should work on electrical wiring and equipment.
- 19. Horseplay or practical jokes will not be tolerated.
- 20. Material Safety Data Sheets must be available, at the point of use, to any person who requests this information.



- 21. Report all accidents to your supervisor.
- 22. Report all unsafe or broken tools and equipment to your supervisor. Mark the tool or equipment so that no one else will use.
- 23. Observe all warning signs, safety bulletins and posters.
- 24. Do not do any job that appears unsafe; ask your supervisor for guidance.

#### B. First Aid Training

Appropriate training and equipment shall be made available to employees to respond to an emergency to include first aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), AED (automated external defibrillator) if available, mobile phone, and fully stocked first aid kit.



Arrange for qualified training sessions (The Red Cross) for employees is important for accident prevention and response during emergency situation when accidents or medical conditions occur on or off campus.

#### C. Preventive Measures

To be incorporated into the program shall include the following:

1. Barricading or securing the work area or hazardous situations as they occur.



2. Proper clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees. Appropriate PPE for the job being performed shall be required. Protective equipment shall include, proper gloves, hardhat, goggles or safety glasses, earplugs, safety vest, steel toe shoes or boots and respirators. No shorts and slippers shall be acceptable.



3. Driving safely and vehicle safety to and from the work site will reduce chances of getting in an accident. Obey all traffic laws, signs and speed limits. Use of cell phones while driving is not allowed unless a hands-free device is used.



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# Appendix E

# Hand Tools and Truck Safety and Maintenance

# A. Hand Tools Safety and Maintenance:

- 1. Hand tools, such as shovels, rakes, picks, wheel barrows, etc. require maintenance to keep the metal parts free from rust and keep wooden handles from splitting and splintering.
  - a) Sharpen tools (shovels, sickles, hand saws, machetes and picks) as they become dull with a flat file.
  - b) Always clean and rinse tools to remove dirt and mud and dry before storing to prevent rust from occurring.
  - c) Remove rust from metal with a wire brush and machine oil.
  - d) Fine sand wooden handles and apply linseed oil to prevent cracking or splintering.
  - e) Check tire pressure for the wheel barrow before using.
  - f) Store tools in a neat and orderly location.



# B. Truck Maintenance and Safety:

- 1. Trucks are used on a daily basis to transport workers, tools and supplies to the school campuses and they must be maintained regularly and operated with care and skill. Daily truck maintenance shall include checking the following items for proper operation, adjustments or levels:
  - a) Head, brake, backup and tail lights
  - b) Front and rear turn signals
  - c) Hazard lights
  - d) Seat belts
  - e) Tires (proper inflation and tire wear)
  - f) Engine fluids (proper levels)
  - g) Hoses and belts
  - h) Brakes
  - i) Horn
  - j) Mirrors
- 2. The following are ten safe driving practices that can significantly reduce the risks faced by employees that drive on the job.

## a) Inspect the Vehicle

Driver safety begins before turning the ignition key. Employees should be trained to inspect the vehicle before heading out. This includes checking the lights, gauges, tires, and fluid levels and adjusting the steering wheel, seat, and mirrors. The employee should also perform a visual inspection to look for damage. In addition, he or she should ensure that the vehicle has emergency supplies, such as a first-aid kit, flashlight, blankets, emergency phone numbers, and any other items that may be helpful if the employee becomes stranded.

### b) Secure Cargo

Any sudden crash or driving maneuver can cause loose personal items or cargo to slide around or fly off a vehicle, injuring the driver, passengers, or other road users. For that reason, employers should train their employees to secure loads, equipment, and other objects that could become a hazard while being transported.

It is not uncommon to see tools, building materials or other objects lying alongside the highway. While other drivers don't always secure cargo properly, employers can make a difference with their own employees by training them to do so.

### c) Use a Seat Belt

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts are the single most effective means of reducing deaths and serious injuries in traffic crashes. Research has found that the risk of death is cut by 45 percent for those wearing a seat belt while riding in cars. For light-truck occupants, that risk is reduced by 60 percent.

Yet about 16 percent of Americans fail to buckle up. Anyone not wearing a seat belt during a crash may slam into the steering wheel, windshield, or other parts of the interior, or even be ejected from the vehicle. Total ejection occurs over a quarter of the time for unrestrained occupants.

In addition to urging employees to use a seat belt at all times when operating or riding in a motor vehicle, employers may also want to develop a seat belt use policy.

### d) Drive Defensively

Each time employees get behind the wheel, they should have a defensive driving mind-set. That means employers should train employees to incorporate the following habits:

- Check the driving conditions before heading out.
- Avoid driving in severe / bad weather.
- Clear mud and dirt from the vehicle, including all windows and lights.
- Activate the low-beam headlights during the day.
- Keep a safe following distance.
- Don't speed, and slow down in poor driving conditions.
- Use caution at intersections and interchanges.
- Look ahead in traffic for situations requiring quick action.

#### e) Avoid Distractions

According to police-reported crash data, about 17 percent of all crashes involve some form of distraction. Although cell phone use and text messaging have received much attention recently, NHTSA databases include other types of distraction as well, such as talking with occupants; dropping objects; pets and insects; adjusting the radio or controls; eating, drinking, or smoking; watching events on the roadside; and daydreaming.

Countless distractions and pressure to multi-task often tempt drivers to forget that safe driving is their primary responsibility. Employers should remind employees that driving requires their full attention, and they should avoid distractions.

In fact, OSHA says employers should also prohibit texting while driving. The agency explains that employers who require texting while driving or make it necessary are violating the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Moreover, it should be noted that many state and federal laws and regulations prohibit texting or cell phone use while driving. These provisions and their penalty amounts may be worth sharing with employees.

#### f) Avoid Impairment

There's no question that alcohol, certain prescription and over-the-counter medications, and illegal drugs can affect an employee's ability to drive safely. These substances can decrease alertness, concentration, coordination and reaction time. Because a driver makes numerous decisions per mile, it's critical that a driver make the decision to drive alert before getting behind the wheel. Therefore, employers should instruct employees not to drive if they are impaired.

#### g) Avoid Drowsy Driving

Drowsy driving can affect anyone, and many adults surveyed by the National Sleep Foundation have reported falling asleep while driving. Moreover, the government estimates that, nationwide, about 83,000 crashes are caused each year by drowsy drivers, so it's important for employees to be well rested before driving. Employers should train employees who drive to do the following:

- Get a full night of rest before driving.
- Set realistic goals for daily distances.
- Switch drivers if possible.
- Avoid medications that cause drowsiness.

#### h) Avoid Aggressive Driving

Traffic congestion — just saying the phrase may bring frustration to an employee who travels on business. According to the Department of Transportation (DOT), the number of drivers increased by 87.5 percent since 1970, while the roadway system increased only by about 9.5 percent. It's no wonder millions of crashes each year are pinned on aggressive driving. This type of driving includes not only tailgating, rude gestures, and honking the horn but also speeding, failing to signal, passing on the shoulder, and running a red light. Employers should encourage their employees to limit the dangers of aggressive driving with these tips:

- Be patient with other drivers.
- Plan routes to avoid congestion and construction zones.
- Allow plenty of time to reach the destination.
- Accept lateness, especially when it is beyond the driver's control.
- Avoid aggressive behaviors.
- Move out of an aggressive driver's way.

#### i) Take Security Measures

In-transit security is also important to ensure the physical safety of the driver and to reduce and prevent vehicle and cargo theft and damage. Employers may wish to cover the following simple precautions with their drivers to lower the risks:

- Locking vehicle doors and keeping windows rolled up
- Avoiding secluded, poorly lit parking lots
- Staying alert when walking to the vehicle
- Applying cargo seals or locks
- Carrying vehicle information at all times

#### j) Properly Handle Hazardous Materials

Any material that is "capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce" must be properly packaged, labeled, placarded, and marked as required by the DOT Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Regulations. These regulated materials even include common solvents, adhesives, paint, and fuel, with some exceptions. Paperwork may also need to accompany the material to identify it as hazardous and outline what to do in the event of a spill.

If an employee will be transporting hazardous materials, training will be required in accordance with DOT regulations. However, some basic hazmat safety training topics might include always securing the package so it won't shift, never smoking in or near the vehicle, protecting a package from extreme heat, and inspecting a package for damage and tampering.

Appendix F

# *Turf Equipment Safety and Maintenance*

# A. Turf Equipment Safety:

- 1. Turf maintenance equipment are classified into the following three general categories:
  - a) Motorized hand-operated equipment
  - b) Equipment powered by gas engines
  - c) Equipment powered by electric motors
- 2 Wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect your skin by using sunscreen, your eyes with safety glasses or goggles, head by wearing a construction hard hat, hearing by wearing earplugs, hands and feet with appropriate work gloves and boots (steel-toed).
- 3. Safety Guidelines for Motorized Turf Equipment:
  - a) Always read the operator's manual for all equipment and be familiar with safe operation and maintenance procedures as specified by the manufacturer.
  - b) Dress appropriately for the equipment you are using. Wear snug fitting clothes to prevent getting caught while operating equipment.
  - c) Wear appropriate personnel protective equipment.
  - d) Know how to stop the engine quickly.
  - e) Shut off hand-held equipment when changing locations.
  - f) Be sure students and other bystanders are a safe distance from the work area.
  - g) Turn off equipment when making adjustments or performing maintenance.
  - h) Turn off equipment when leaving it unattended.
  - i) Avoid putting hands or feet near rotating parts, cutters, belts, pulleys and gears.
- 4. Safety Guidelines for Gas Engines:
  - a) Disconnect spark plug before performing any maintenance.
  - b) Turn off the engine and let cool before refueling.
  - c) Fuel equipment in a ventilated area and on a hard surface.

- d) Avoid spilling gasoline on a hot engine, which can start a fire.
- e) Properly clean up any fuel spills that may occur.
- f) No smoking while operating or fueling.
- g) Avoid refueling or performing equipment maintenance in a grass or landscape area.
- h) Operate engines only in well-ventilated areas.
- 5. Safety Guidelines for Electric Motors:
  - a) Check power cord regularly for nicks and cuts. Replace if the insulation is worn or damaged.
  - b) Extension cords must be UL approved and appropriate to carry the power load of the equipment being used.
  - c) Keep power cords away from sharp objects, intense heat, oil and solvents, all of which can damage the insulation.
  - d) Always know where the cord is when operating an electric device. If the cord become severed, shock or electrocution can result.
  - e) Avoid using electric equipment in wet areas unless manufacturer states such use is permitted.
- 6) Safety Guidelines for Battery-Operated (Cordless) Tools:
  - a) Use only the kind of battery that the tool manufacturer specifies for the batterypowered tool you are using.
  - b) Recharge a battery-powered tool only with a charger that is specifically intended for the battery in the tool.
  - c) Ensure that the tool is switched off or removed the battery from the tool before changing accessories, making adjustments, or storing the tool.
  - d) Store the battery pack safely so that no metal parts, nail, screws, wrenches, etc. can come in contact with the battery terminals. This could cause shorting of the battery and possibly sparks, fires or burns.
  - e) Dispose of batteries only as recommended by the manufacturer.

# B. Types of Motorized Lawn Maintenance Equipment:

- 1. Mowers:
  - a) Walk-behind self propelled rotary mowers are the most popular type.



b) Standing mowers are similar to walk-behind mowers except that the operator stands on a platform to operate the equipment.



c) Riding mowers have a seat and steering mechanism, which allows the operator to ride on top of the mower.



2. String *Trimmers* are used for trimming grass, weeds and light brush.



Edgers are used to create a clean edge where lawn meet curbs, driveways or walkways.
 Operate edgers with special care as they can damage concrete, brick, asphalt and wood.



4. *Blowers* are used to clean up leaves, grass clippings and other debris by moving these materials with forced air.



# C. Guidelines for Turf Equipment Operation:

- 1. Guidelines for Mower Operation:
  - a) Always read the operator's manual before operating the mower.
  - Before mowing, walk the site to pick up trash and other debris. Avoid mowing over debris. Flying debris is dangerous and can leave an unattractive mess. Debris can also cause mower and/or property damage, as well as injuries from flying objects.
  - c) Turn off mower to remove foreign objects in front or next to it.
  - d) Turn off engine before removing or attaching the clippings bag.
  - e) Avoid operating a mower in wet grass. Slippery conditions can be dangerous and wet grass can clog the discharge chute of the mower.
  - f) The operator should be the only person on a riding mower.
  - g) Work from side to side on sloping terrain, rather than up and down, to avoid rollover. On steeper slopes, an intermediate walk-behind mower may be safer than a riding mower.
  - h) Do not operate a mower without a deflector or a clippings bag.
  - i) Maintain solid and firm footing while operating a walk-behind mower.
- 2. Guidelines for string trimmer operation:
  - a) Always read the operator's manual before operating the string trimmer.
  - b) Wear eye and ear protection, long pants and government recommended safety standards footwear.
  - c) Inspect string shield and shut-off switches before starting. Check the surrounding area to be sure there are no people or vehicles nearby.
  - d) Keep hands, face and feet clear of rotating trimming lines at all times.
  - e) Place yourself in a proper starting position with stable footing and the trimmer on the ground before pulling the starting rope.
  - f) Grip trimmer firmly by both handles while operating. Avoid over-reaching and maintain good balance at all times.
  - g) Immediately turn trimmer off and check for damage if it strikes a foreign object or becomes entangled. Make repairs before restarting.
  - h) Stop operating when the hub or spool is broken.
  - i) Avoid extending trimming line beyond the length stated in the operator's manual as this can cause injury or damage to the engine.

- 3. Guidelines for edger operation:
  - a) Always read the operator's manual before operating the edger.
  - b) Wear eye and ear protection, long pants and government recommended safety standards footwear.
  - c) Always operate an edger with guards and other safety devices intact and keep it on the ground while starting.
  - d) Remove rocks or other debris from the work area to reduce the potential for damage to vehicles, buildings, etc. or injury to pedestrians.
- 4. Guidelines for blower operation:
  - a) Wear eye and ear protection, long pants and government recommended safety standards footwear.
  - b) Make sure debris is blown into an appropriate area. Avoid blowing into drain inlets, streets, neighboring properties, vehicles, windows or towards people.
  - c) Keep the air stream close to the ground by extending the nozzle.
  - d) Be aware of creating a dusty situation in dry conditions.

Appendix G



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# **Common Lawn Grasses for Hawaii**

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#### Notes

 Mowing height:
 Reel mowers are preferred for cutting turfgrasses at heights less than 1 inch. Rotary mowers are preferred for heights greater than 1 inch.

 Propagation:
 2-inch square plugs planted 12 inches on center require 30 ft² of sod per 1000 ft² of lawn area planted.

 2-inch square plugs planted 6 inches on center require 110 ft² of sod per 1000 ft² of lawn area planted.

 Nitrogen fertilizer:
 Amounts given in table refer to quick-release N, such as urea, ammonium sulfate, and some mixed formulations, unless otherwise noted. In windward locations during winter months, reduce fertilizer amounts or omit applications because the grass grows slowly and cannot use the nutrients.

| Lawn grass  | Appearance   | Desirable characteristics   | Undesirable characteristics  | Loca-<br>tion | Propagation<br>(per 1000 ft <sup>2</sup> )  | Pre-<br>ferred<br>mowing<br>height<br>(inches) | Nitrogen fertilizer<br>requirement<br>for best quality<br>(actual N per 1000 ft <sup>2</sup> )  |
|---|--|---|--|---------------|---|--|---|
| Common bermu-<br>dagrass ( <i>Cynodon</i><br><i>dactylon</i> )                                    | Gray-green;<br>medium texture;<br>long internodes.   | Resists wear; has<br>deep root system, low<br>moisture requirement;<br>tolerates saline, alkaline,<br>and moderately acid<br>soils; tolerates many<br>herbicides.         | Vigorous, often invad-<br>ing where not wanted;<br>frequent seed head<br>formation; susceptible to<br>some lawn insects; builds<br>thatch;         | Sun           | Seed (hulled):<br>1–2 lb<br>Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1                 | 1 lb per month or 2–3<br>lb of slow-release N<br>every 60–90 days.<br>Reduce applications<br>in winter months in<br>windward locations.     |
| 'No-Mow' bermu-<br>dagrass<br>('Green Velvet')<br>( <i>Cynodon dac-<br/>tylon</i> )               | Dark blue-green;<br>medium texture;<br>creeping growth;<br>usually not more<br>than 3 inches<br>high.                          | Resists some wear; toler-<br>ates saline and alkaline<br>soil, some compaction,<br>and drought; requires less<br>mowing.  | Susceptible to several in-<br>sects and diseases; builds<br>thatch; slow to establish.   | Sun           | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu                             | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1                 | 1 lb per month or 2–3<br>lb of slow-release N<br>every 60–90 days.<br>Reduce applications<br>in winter months in<br>windward locations.     |
| 'Tifgreen' bermu-<br>dagrass<br>(Tifton 328)<br>( <i>C. dactylon x</i><br><i>transvaalensis</i> ) | Dark green;<br>fine texture<br>with prostrate<br>growth; shorter<br>internodes<br>than common<br>bermudagrass;<br>soft leaves. | Resists wear; tolerates<br>saline and alkaline soils;<br>stands moderate acidity;<br>produces few seed heads.<br>Under proper manage-<br>ment can be a beautiful<br>lawn. | Vigorous grower; very<br>susceptible to some lawn<br>insects; builds thatch; in-<br>jured by some herbicides.<br>A very high-maintenance<br>grass. | Sun           | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu                             | 1/ <sub>2</sub> _3/ <sub>4</sub>               | 1 lb per month or<br>2–3 lb of slow-<br>release N every<br>60–90 days. Reduce<br>applications<br>in winter months in<br>windward locations. |

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|---|---|---|--|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| 'Tifway' bermu-<br>dagrass (Tifton<br>419)<br>( <i>C. dactylon x</i><br><i>transvaalensis</i> ) | Dark green;<br>fine texture;<br>dense sod;<br>stiff leaves.   | Resists wear; tolerates<br>saline and alkaline soils;<br>very rapid recovery; good<br>weed resistance; high<br>quality turf; produces few<br>seed heads. Moderate<br>maintenance                          | Susceptible to insects; builds heavy thatch.   | Sun                      | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu  | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> _ <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> | 1 lb per month or<br>2–3 lb of slow-<br>release N every<br>60–90 days. Reduce<br>applications<br>in winter months in<br>windward locations. |
| 'Tifdwarf' bermu-<br>dagrass<br>(C. dactylon x<br>transvaalensis)                               | Dark green;<br>dense mat;<br>fine texture;<br>shorter blades<br>and internodes<br>than 'Tifgreen'.        | Resists wear; tolerates sa-<br>line, moderately acid, and<br>alkaline soils; produces few<br>seed heads. Denser sod<br>than 'Tifgreen'; requires<br>less frequent mowing.                                 | Susceptible to grass web-<br>worms and also to other<br>insects and diseases;<br>builds thatch; slow to<br>cover. A very high-mainte-<br>nance grass.  | Sun                      | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1– 2 bu | 1/ <sub>2</sub> _3/ <sub>4</sub>                          | 1 lb per month or 2–3<br>lb of slow-release N<br>every 60–90 days.<br>Reduce applications<br>in winter months in<br>windward locations.     |
| 'Sunturf' bermu-<br>dagrass<br>( <i>C. magennisi</i> i)   | Dark green;<br>fine texture;<br>low-growing.  | Resists wear; tolerates<br>saline and alkaline soils;<br>drought resistant; rapid<br>recovery from scalping;<br>produces few seed heads.  | Vigorous grower; slightly<br>slow to establish, but rapid<br>growth thereafter; suscep-<br>tible to insect injury; builds<br>thatch.   | Sun                      | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu  | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> - <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> | 1 lb per month or 2–3<br>lb of slow-release N<br>every 60–90 days.<br>Reduce applications<br>in winter months in<br>windward locations.     |
| Manilagrass<br>( <i>Zoysia matrella</i> )   | um texture; blades<br>flat and shorter<br>than templegrass;<br>blades stiff;                              | Resists wear; shade<br>tolerant; tolerates salinity,<br>drought,<br>and mild soil acid-<br>ity; dense growth resists<br>nweeds when established;<br>tolerates most herbicides.                            | Attacked by billbugs and<br>rust fungus; builds thatch;<br>slow to establish; forms<br>some mounds; requires<br>good drainage; requires<br>heavy-duty mower.   | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu  | <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -1                            | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days.   |
| Templegrass;<br>koreangrass;<br>velvetgrass<br>( <i>Zoysia tenuifolia</i> )                     | Medium green;<br>fine texture;<br>blades stiff with<br>sharp points;<br>pronounced<br>mounds or<br>humps. | Resists wear; shade toler-<br>ant; may be left unmowed<br>as a groundcover; seldom<br>flowers; tolerates many<br>herbicides.  | Badly attacked by billbugs<br>and some other insects<br>and diseases; builds thatch.<br>Slowest of the zoysias to<br>establish; forms mounds that<br>are difficult to mow; requires<br>reel mower; requires good<br>drainage; high water user. | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu  | As<br>desired<br>or<br><sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -1     | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days.   |
| 'Emerald' zoysia-<br>grass<br>( <i>Z. japonica x tenuifo-<br/>lia</i> 'Emerald')                |   | Resists wear; shade<br>tolerant; tolerates salinity,<br>drought, and mild soil<br>acidity; spreads faster<br>than manilagrass; keeps<br>out weeds when well<br>established; tolerates most<br>herbicides. | Attacked by billbugs and<br>possibly by rust fungus;<br>builds thatch; forms some<br>mounds; requires reel<br>mower; requires good<br>drainage; leaves stiff; many<br>seed heads.  | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu  | <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> —1                            | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days.   |

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|---|---|--|---|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| 'Meyer Z-52' zoy-<br>siagrass<br>( <i>Zoysia japonica</i><br>'Meyer') | Light green; me-<br>dium texture;<br>leaves stiff,<br>prickly, and<br>longer than<br>'Emerald'.                                       | Resists wear; shade toler-<br>ant; tolerates salinity and<br>mild soil acidity; produces<br>no mounds; keeps weeds<br>out when well established;<br>tolerates most herbicides.   | Attacked by some insects<br>and diseases; builds<br>thatch; requires heavy-<br>duty mower; needs good<br>drainage; leaves stiff;<br>produces seed heads.  | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu | <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> —1                 | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days.  |
| 'El Toro'<br>zoysiagrass<br>( <i>Zoysia japonica</i><br>'El Toro')    | Light green;<br>fine to medium<br>texture;<br>stiff leaves.   | Resists normal wear;<br>tolerates shade, drought,<br>and salinity; deep root<br>system. Produces a<br>quality turf with proper<br>management.  | Does not tolerate exces-<br>sive traffic; recovers slowly.<br>Does not like poorly<br>drained soils.  | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -2                 | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days.  |
| 'Z-3' zoysiagrass<br>(Zoysia matrella x<br>japonica)                  | Medium green;<br>medium-fine<br>texture;<br>short, soft leaves;<br>inconspicuous<br>seed heads.                                       | Establishes more quickly<br>than most zoysias. Forms<br>a dense stand; tolerates<br>drought; resists wear;<br>recovers well. Produces a<br>quality turf with proper<br>management.   | Can invade other plant-<br>ings; forms some thatch.<br>Should be mowed to low<br>heights to keep it attrac-<br>tive. Verticut once a year<br>and/or lightly topdress.                               | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> —1                 | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days.  |
| St. Augustinegrass<br>(Stenotaphrum<br>secundatum)                    | Light green;<br>coarse texture;<br>stiff, wide blades<br>and stems;<br>no underground<br>stems;<br>leaves upright;<br>shallow-rooted. | Resists moderate wear; very<br>shade tolerant; tolerates a<br>range of soils and climates but<br>prefers well-drained, fertile<br>soil; low maintenance; easy<br>to establish. There are varie-<br>gated varieties for ornamental<br>purposes and dwarf lawn<br>cultivars. | duces thick thatch; requires<br>heavy-duty mower; suscepti-<br>ble to certain herbicides. Does  | Sun or<br>shade          | Stolons:<br>3–5 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart                       | 2–3  | 1 lb preferably<br>slow-release N<br>every 60–90 days<br>or as determined<br>by color. Iron may<br>be necessary to<br>improve color in<br>soils with low iron<br>or alkaline pH.   |
| Centipedegrass<br>(hunangrass)<br>(Eremochloa<br>ophiuroides)         | Medium green;<br>medium texture;<br>leaves long and<br>narrow;<br>many stolons;<br>shallow-rooted.                                    | Tolerates some shade;<br>does well in coarse,<br>heavy, low-fertility, or<br>acid soils; makes dense,<br>weed-free sod; best for<br>moist areas; few insect<br>or disease problems;<br>very low maintenance<br>requirement. 'Au Centen-<br>nial' is a dwarf selection.     | Becomes chlorotic under<br>alkaline soil conditions;<br>does not tolerate heavy<br>traffic or poorly drained<br>soil; susceptible to certain<br>herbicides and salt spray.<br>Not drought tolerant. | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Seed:<br>2–4 lb<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu     | 1–2  | 1–6 lb per year<br>(slow-release N pre-<br>ferred) depending<br>on desired quality<br>and maintenance<br>levels. Do not apply<br>more than 2 lb<br>quick-release N per<br>application. Iron<br>may be needed on<br>alkaline soils. |

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|--|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| Carpetgrass, Aus-<br>tralian carpetgrass<br>(Axonopus affinis<br>or A. compressus) | Light green;<br>coarse texture;<br>creeping<br>growth habit;<br>blunt, rounded<br>leaf tips;<br>produces seed<br>heads primarily<br>in summer. | Produces a dense stand;<br>tolerates wet and shady<br>conditions, poorly<br>drained soils; prefers acid<br>soils; low maintenance.<br>Somewhat resembles<br>centipedegrass. Com-<br>monly used in pastures<br>and for erosion control.        | Not drought or salt<br>tolerant; not suitable<br>for a quality lawn; poor<br>traffic tolerance; shallow<br>root system; must be<br>irrigated frequently in<br>drought conditions;<br>may be chlorotic under<br>alkaline conditions. | Sun or<br>shade          | Seed:<br>5 lb<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu  | 1–2  | Does not need or like<br>a lot of N. Apply <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1<br>lb every 6 months.   |
| Seashore pas-<br>palum ( <i>Paspalum</i><br><i>vaginatum</i> )                     | Medium to dark<br>green; fine tex-<br>tured; very soft<br>leaves; Y-shaped<br>seed heads.  | Tolerates saline condi-<br>tions; seen growing di-<br>rectly into brackish ponds<br>and streams; tolerates<br>brackish irrigation. Toler-<br>ates drought and wear.<br>Will show moisture stress<br>but recovers quickly.                     | Affected by armyworms,<br>webworms. Scalping can<br>be a problem in shade.<br>Produces very heavy<br>thatch; few herbicides<br>available; requires<br>regular maintenance to<br>maintain quality                                    | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs:<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu   | <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub><br>Best<br>mowed<br>at 1" or<br>less. | <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb per month or<br>1–2 lb of slow-re-<br>lease N every 60–90<br>days. |
| Hilograss ( <i>Pas-palum conjuga-<br/>tum</i> )                                    | Medium to dark<br>green; coarse tex-<br>ture; wide, pointed<br>blade tip; Y-shaped<br>seed heads.  | Easily takes over lawn or<br>bare ground. Tolerates<br>acidic, wet, and low-<br>fertility soils; establishes<br>easily and grows fast.<br>Does well in high rainfall<br>areas. Makes a satisfac-<br>tory lawn grass with some<br>maintenance. | An invader in most cases.<br>May cause an allergic rash<br>to sensitive skin. Does not<br>tolerate drought and heat<br>well. Needs to be mowed<br>frequently to control<br>unsightly seed heads and<br>upright growth.              | Sun or<br>light<br>shade | May not be<br>commercially<br>available.<br>Seed:<br>4–6 lb<br>Stolons:<br>5–10 bu<br>Plugs<br>6–12" apart<br>Sprigs:<br>1–2 bu | 1–2  | Does well with little<br>or no fertilizer. Apply<br>1/2–1 lb every 6<br>months.                   |

# Appendix H

# Excerpt from Guam Public Law 33-285

| 1  | and beautification of non-routed public roads and for the operations of the Mayors'  |
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| 2  | offices but not for personnel costs. Said funds shall not be subject to any transfer |
| 3  | authority of I Maga'låhen Guåhan, and shall be divided among the village Mayors      |
| 4  | as follows:  |
| 5  | (a) each Mayor <i>shall</i> receive the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars               |
| 6  | (\$20,000); and  |
| 7  | (b) the remaining balance of the fund shall be distributed to each                   |
| 8  | Mayor pro rata based on the total road mileage of their respective village as a      |
| 9  | percentage of Guam's total road mileage in the most current report of the            |
| 10 | Guam Roads Pavement Inventory of the Department of Public Works.                     |
| 11 | Section 4. Island-Wide Village Beautification Projects. The sum of Four              |
| 12 | Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$470,921) is              |
| 13 | appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the MCOG for Island-Wide Village    |
| 14 | Beautification Projects to include:  |
| 15 | (a) the maintenance and repair of village recreational facilities under              |
| 16 | the jurisdiction of the Mayor;   |
| 17 | (b) the maintenance and repair of main roads in each village; and                    |
| 18 | (c) the planting and maintenance of the village official flower in                   |
| 19 | each village and other flowering plants, shrubs, and trees adjacent to the           |
| 20 | village's main roads, public restrooms, and recreational facilities. A Mayor         |
| 21 | may contract with a private entity to provide the services authorized by this        |
| 22 | Section subject to the Guam Procurement Law in Chapter 5, Title 5 GCA.               |
| 23 | Section 5. Grounds Maintenance for Schools. Subject to approval and                  |
| 24 | scheduling of public school principals, the Mayors are responsible for regular       |
| 25 | grounds maintenance of Guam Department of Education school grounds in their          |
| 26 | respective districts where grounds maintenance is not already subject to an existing |
| 27 | contract for a minimum of twice a month during a regular school calendar year.       |

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1 Subject to approval and scheduling of the public school principals, a Mayor may

2 contract with a private entity or assign to another Mayor to provide the services

3 authorized by this Section.

4 The sum of Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven
5 Dollars (\$481,957) is appropriated from the General Fund to the MCOG Revolving
6 Fund for the grounds maintenance of specified schools of the Department of

7 Education to be allocated as follows:

| 8 VILLAGE       | SCHOOL                     | AMOUNT   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 9 Agana Heights | Agana Heights Elementary   | \$9,312  |
| 10 Agat         | Marcial Sablan Elementary  | \$12,305 |
| 11              | Oceanview Middle           | \$18,076 |
| 12 Barrigada    | P.C. Lujan Elementary      | \$9,584  |
| 13              | B.P. Carbullido Elementary | \$8,039  |
| 14              | L.P. Untalan Middle        | \$8,490  |
| 15 Dededo       | M.A. Ulloa Elementary      | \$14,082 |
| 16              | Wettengel Elementary       | \$18,458 |
| 17              | J.M. Guerrero Elementary   | \$15,724 |
| 18              | Liguan Elementary          | \$0      |
| 19              | Astumbo Elementary         | \$13,887 |
| 20              | Finegayan Elementary       | \$20,509 |
| 21              | V.S.A. Benavente Middle    | \$23,712 |
| 22              | Astumbo Middle             | \$0      |
| 23              | Okkodo High                | \$0      |
| 24 Inarajan     | Inarajan Elementary        | \$6,331  |
| 25              | Inarajan Middle            | \$8,026  |
| 26 Mangilao     | H.B. Price Elementary      | \$7,725  |
| 27              | George Washington High     | \$49,765 |

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| 1  |                       | Adacao Elementary                       | \$0                   |  |
|----|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| 2  | Merizo                | Merizo Elementary                       | \$6,713               |  |
| 3  | MTM                   | J.Q. San Miguel                         | \$4,170               |  |
| 4  | Ordot/Chalan Pago     | Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary            | \$9,639               |  |
| 5  |                       | Agueda Johnston Middle                  | \$15,738              |  |
| 6  | Piti                  | Jose Rios Middle                        | \$7,697               |  |
| 7  | Santa Rita            | H.S. Truman Elementary                  | \$13,274              |  |
| 8  |                       | Southern High                           | \$47,967              |  |
| 9  |                       | Alternative School                      | \$4,539               |  |
| 10 | Sinajana              | C.L. Taitano Elementary                 | \$9,567               |  |
| 11 | Talofofo              | Talofofo Elementary                     | \$8,204               |  |
| 12 | Tamuning              | L.B. Johnson Elementary                 | \$7,102               |  |
| 13 |                       | Tamuning Elementary                     | \$7,785               |  |
| 14 |                       | Chief Brodie Elementary                 | \$8,204               |  |
| 15 |                       | JFK High School                         | \$0                   |  |
| 16 | Yigo                  | Upi Elementary                          | \$10,255              |  |
| 17 |                       | D.L. Perez Elementary                   | \$17,774              |  |
| 18 |                       | Machanaonao Elementary                  | \$11,935              |  |
| 19 |                       | F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle               | \$20,274              |  |
| 20 |                       | Simon Sanchez High School               | \$18,730              |  |
| 21 | Yona                  | M.U. Lujan Elementary                   | \$8,365               |  |
| 22 | TOTAL FOR ALL V       | ILLAGES                                 | \$481,957             |  |
| 23 | Section 6. Pul        | olic Safety and Social Education Pr     | ograms. The sum of    |  |
| 24 | Four Hundred Sixtee   | n Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty D        | ollars (\$416,860) is |  |
| 25 | appropriated from the | General Fund to the MCOG with ea        | ch village to receive |  |
| 26 | Fifteen Thousand Doll | lars (\$15,000); and with the remaining | funds, if any, to the |  |
| 27 | MCOG for Fiscal Year  | 2017, to be expended in accordance w    | ith plans approved by |  |
|    |                       |   |                       |  |

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