

Design Standards Letter

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Body

During the past two years, a number of changes have been made in recommendations made from Materials and Research soil test results. Soil fertility and seeding recommendations received from Maintenance and Traffic prior to March 1, 1993 are out of date.

When preparing projects for bid, check with roadside management for current seeding and fertilizer recommendations (314-751-2855).

Interest in the use of wildflowers along highways continues to grow. MHTD would prefer to include wildflower areas in the original bid package. Due to special requirements for the establishment and maintenance of a wildflower planting, they are not suitable for all areas. Rural, undeveloped areas that are not regularly mowed and that can be easily viewed by the traveling public are good spots for wildflowers. Examples would include sections of highway along national forests or state park properties.

Requests for wildflower areas are reviewed on an individual basis with seeding and fertilizer recommendations made to suit each situation.

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