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### **POLICY #802 - EXHIBIT A**

Your request as it relates to landscaping within the road right-of-way has been referred to this office for reply. The Macomb County Department of Roads recommends the following:

- Any trees planted in the road right-of-way shall be of the slow-growing variety so that the trunk of the tree does not become a fixed object.
- Trees shall be planted 18 feet from the curb edge.
- Bottom clearance for limbs/branches shall be maintained between 7 and 8 feet from the ground.
- Trees shall be located in such a manner that they do not create sight obstructions for any motorist on the road or driveways along or near the planting route.
- If any shrubbery or other low-lying landscape materials are used, the maximum height should be maintained between 2 and 2-1/2 feet, so as to not create sight obstructions for motorists.
- The use of boulders and landscape timbers is prohibited.
- The use of loose stones adjacent to sidewalks and curbs is prohibited.
- If any lawn edging is used, it shall be of a variety that will not create a hazard to pedestrians and/or bicyclists.

The Macomb County Department of Roads requires compliance with these guidelines for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the public who travel on roads within its jurisdiction. The Department of Roads will also require a plan review and approval by an authorized representative of the Department of Roads prior to the issuance of any landscaping work within the County right of way.

The above recommendations should not be construed as an approval and are not necessarily inclusive. The Macomb County Department of Roads reserves the right to deviate from these guidelines or add additional conditions or requirements at plan review if, under the circumstances, it believes it is in the best interest of the Department of Roads and/or the public who travel on roads within its jurisdiction.