



City of Chattanooga

Department of Public Works
Administration Division

POLICY STATEMENT

Water Quality/Landscape Architecture

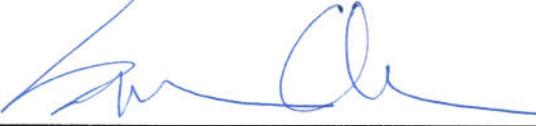
A registered engineer or landscape architect may be qualified as a registrant to prepare and seal plans for drainage design. However, the design of the natural systems requires a detailed knowledge of plants soils, soil moisture, pH, sun/shade conditions, pollution tolerance, evapotranspiration potential, heat tolerance, cold hardiness, tolerance of urban conditions, size at maturity, longevity, growth rate, photoperiod response, (night lighting), form/habit, disease/insect potential, growth rate, hazard/litter potential, wildlife/habitat potential, seasonality, fruit, flower, etc. The registrant must also be competent to prepare written plans for long term landscape maintenance, preferably using low impact technologies, such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and/or xeriscaping.

Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 62-2-102(c) states: "Nothing in this section shall prevent any awarding authority, public or private, from requiring the services of a registered architect, engineer or landscape architect for any project." According to the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners' *Reference Manual for Building Officials and Design Professionals*, a building official has the discretion to require the services of a registered architect, engineer, or landscape architect for any project.

As building officials, we rely on the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners to determine competency in Landscape Architecture. More information is available in the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners Reference Manual for Building Officials and Design Professionals ([Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners Reference Manual 2009 Edition](#)).

Therefore, the City of Chattanooga Land Development Office, in cooperation with the Water Quality Office, shall require a licensed Landscape Architect to design and seal the planting plans for rain gardens, bio-retention, and constructed wetlands, etc.

This Policy shall become effective on January 4, 2011 2010



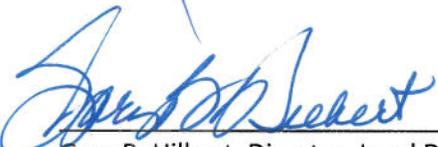
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