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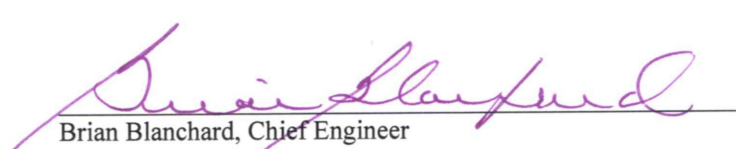
### To Minimize the Spread of Invasive Plants The Florida Department of Transportation Adopts These VOLUNTARY CODES OF CONDUCT

**The Department routinely takes the following actions.**

- Comply with Federal, state, and local invasive plant legislation.
- Consult with regional experts and stakeholders to determine which species are known to be invasive.
- Cooperate with owners and managers, and encourage the management of invasive plants on adjacent public and private lands.
- Support the development of environmentally sound methods to manage invasive plants.
- Encourage the use of non-invasive plants.
- Develop specifications to lessen the impact of invasive plants.
- Provide training on invasive plant identification and management.
- Encourage employees, consultants, and contractors to participate in training on invasive plants.
- Dispose of unwanted invasive plants and plant parts using appropriate safeguards.
- Participate on Florida's Invasive Species Partnership and Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs).

**The Department will evaluate the following practices. Where appropriate, steps will be taken to implement.**

- Phase out the use of Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) Category I and II plants, and other species known by the Department to be invasive.
- Advise plant nurseries of the Department's intent to phase out the use of invasive plants.
- Encourage plant nurseries to increase availability of non-invasive plants.
- Take precautionary actions to reduce the probability that invasive plants are moved on construction and maintenance equipment and materials.
- Develop a system-wide invasive plant management plan with budget projections.
- Develop innovative, effective, and enforceable specifications for management and removal of invasive plants from the right of way.
- Schedule periodic opportunities to evaluate the effectiveness of these voluntary codes of conduct

  
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