

FDM Landscape Chapters Reorganization:

Brief summary and description of changes

The Department is replacing the existing FDM 228 and 229 chapters with the new 270 series criteria and requirements to improve the design process and clarity by reorganizing text and exhibits. This reorganization coordinates with proposed new FDM 904, 924, and 944 series criteria and requirements which accommodate FDOT's evolution to large format drawing sheets. The reorganization also facilitates and coordinates with upcoming changes to our new Automated Staff Hour Guidelines being developed. The information contained in the new 270 series is pulled directly from existing FDM 228 and 229 without substantive changes. The new series is organized as follows: 270-Planting Designs, 271-Irrigation System, 272-Hardscape, 273-Landscape Maintenance, 274-Selective Clearing and Grading, 275-Tree Relocation, 276-Outdoor Ad Signs.

Are changes in line with promoting and making meaningful progress on improving safety, enhancing mobility, inspiring innovation, and fostering talent; explain how?

This change improves the workflow and better organizes the criteria for clarity.

What financial impact does the change have? Project costs, pay item structure and consultant fees.

No impacts.

What impacts does the change have on production or construction schedules?

No impacts.

How does this change improve efficiency or quality?

This change improves the workflow.

Which offices does the change impact?

No impacts.

What is the impact to the Districts with this change?

No impacts.

Have District counterpart's comments been addressed?

Newly reorganized chapters were discussed and vetted with District counterparts.

Does the change shift risk and to who?

No.

What is the communication plan and schedule for implementation?

The Criteria Section of the Roadway Design Office is conducting review and updates to the FDM. Internal reviews have been conducted with the District Landscape Architects and Managers, Roadway Design Office, Traffic Engineering and Operations, District Design Engineers, District Consultant Project Management Landscape Architects, and the District Roadway Design Engineers.

The following is the schedule for implementation:

- *The 2023 FDM will be published on or before November 1, 2022*

- *The 2023 FDM will be effective for all projects beginning design in January 2023*