

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP LAWN NATURALIZATION POLICY

- I. ***Policy Statement.*** It is the policy of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (“Township”), to require vegetation to be maintained by property owners in a manner that does not constitute a nuisance. In recent years Township residents have expressed interest in vegetation other than turf grass lawns. While other approaches to vegetation besides turf grass lawns are not currently prohibited by the Township, this policy provides guidance on what vegetation constitutes a nuisance to both Township staff and residents.

- II. ***Definitions.***
Managed Natural Lawn. A planned, intentional, and maintained planting of native or non-invasive plants of any origin. This may include a variety of horticultural practices including but not limited to natural lawns, natural landscapes, native lawns, pollinator gardens, rain gardens, meadow vegetation, native prairie, prairie gardens, monarch waystation, native plantings, native gardens and butterfly habitat. A managed natural lawn shall not include turf grass lawns or turf grass lawns left unattended.

- III. ***Managed Natural Lawn Maintenance.*** A managed natural lawn shall be required to have a maintained perimeter and shall not encroach on public right of ways, drainage easements, or neighboring properties

- IV. ***Enforcement.*** Pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, the preceding definition shall inform the determination of whether a property’s maintenance of vegetation constitutes a nuisance.

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