

6400 LANDSCAPING

6410 PURPOSE AND INTENT

This Section of the Regulations is intended to provide standards for the retention of natural vegetation and/or the installation of landscaping material as part of development activities in order to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation, encourage infiltration of rainfall, and enhance the overall appearance of the community.

6420 APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this Section shall apply to any development activity ~~required to obtain Special Permit approval~~ except that the Commission may exempt agricultural activities.

6430 STANDARDS

6431 Perimeter Landscaping

1. Non-residential development (other than an agricultural use) shall have a landscaped area of adequate width, exclusive of driveways and sidewalks to and from the street, around the entire perimeter of the lot.

6432 Buffer Requirements

Where a Special Permit use shall abut a residential use:

1. An adequate buffer shall be provided and existing natural screening within the buffer area shall remain undisturbed to the maximum extent possible or additional planting shall be provided.

6433 Planting Requirements

1. No invasive species shall be used for any landscaping purposes. Where applicable, invasive species shall be removed from the property.
2. Only native plantings shall be used within 100 feet of any wetland or watercourse and within 200 feet of major watercourse or waterbodies, with the exception of the area within 15 feet of the principal structure. Native plantings are encouraged throughout the property.
 - a. Native Plantings – A plant that is a part of the balance of nature that has developed over hundreds or thousands of years in a particular region or ecosystem. A plant is considered native if it was present in any New England state, New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania before the arrival of European settlers.