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Pa. Turnpike gets beautification plan

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has begun a landscape architecture beautification project along two major expressways.

Landscape architect Donald T. Gilligan says safety, low maintenance, community appearance, roadside aesthetics and environmental sensitivity are motivating factors for the two projects. Work will commence along the proposed Beaver Valley and Amos K. Hutchinson Expressways.

Two major tenants of the proposed plan are:

1. Paved road shoulders and seeded areas will provide a 30-foot clearance allowing for sunlight to help de-ice. The proposed clearance areas will also reduce the threat of falling limbs and trees, and provide an adequate field of view for wildlife movement and safe sight distances.

2. Installation of plant material to provide a visual buffer near homes where construction will affect the overall appearance of the area. Efforts are being taken to advise and work cooperatively with the contractors so that maximum existing vegetation and trees at critical areas will not be removed.

"We hope to provide visual diversity, reducing monotony and enhancing views from the toll road," says Gilligan.

"We'll be using birdsfoot trefoil, switchgrass and wildflowers in roadside areas."

The projects are to be funded directly by turnpike monies, and not by tax dollars.

EVENTS

APRIL

21-25: South Florida Landscape Trade Show, Radisson Centre, Miami. Contact: Charlye Roberts, (305) 235-2035


MAY
10-12: California Council of American Society of Landscape Architects, Sacramento. Contact: Alison Dumas at (916) 621-2236.

16: North Carolina Turf and Landscape Field Day, North Carolina State University Turf Field Center and Arboretum, Raleigh. Contact: Bill Wilder, NCLCA, P.O. Box 400, Knightdale, NC 27545; (919) 266-1777.

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