

Section 28 – Wildlife and Vegetation

(am. 7-17-18)

A. Standards

1. Wildlife habitat shall be maintained, protected and enhanced where possible. (am. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06; am. 7-17-18)
2. Noise and light sources shall be oriented away from wildlife habitat. (am. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06)
3. Vegetation shall be preserved, supplemented and maintained with landscaping plants and materials to control erosion, buffer and screen adjoining land uses, enhance the appearance of the property, buffer man-made structures on the property where necessary, present a streetscape or other perimeter landscape treatment that will be compatible with the surrounding community, and protect wildlife and their habitats. (am. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06; am. 7-17-18)

B. Wildlife and Vegetation Assessment (am. 7-17-18)

1. Preparation

The Assessment shall be prepared and signed by a qualified biologist, professional natural resource specialist, a Colorado state licensed landscape architect or environmental engineer. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06; am. 7-17-18)

2. Content

The Assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06; am. 7-17-18)

- a. Wildlife habitat and species, with special attention given to Federally-threatened or endangered species and their associated habitats, as well as habitat for nesting migratory songbirds (pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act). (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 7-17-18)
- b. Vegetative habitat and species, both existing and proposed, with special attention given to Federally-threatened or endangered species and their associated habitats, as well as noxious weeds. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 7-17-18)
- c. Proof of consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be submitted, as applicable. (orig. 7-17-18)
- d. Map showing:
 - (1) The proposed development including lots, tracts, and street/road alignments. (reloc. 07-12-05)
 - (2) Existing wildlife habitat and existing and proposed vegetation areas. (reloc. 07-12-05)

3. Approval

The Assessment shall be approved by the Case Manager prior to the development's approval. (orig. 4-4-06; am. 7-17-18)

C. Wildlife and Vegetation Plan(s) (am. 7-17-18)

1. Preparation

- a. The Plan(s) shall be prepared and signed by a qualified biologist, professional natural resource specialist, a Colorado state licensed landscape architect or environmental engineer. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 7-17-18)

- b. Wildlife and Vegetation Plan(s) shall be required as deemed necessary by the Assessment. The Plan(s) shall assure that wildlife and vegetation factors affected by the planning, design, and construction of the proposed development are recognized, adequately interpreted and presented for use in the development. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06; am. 7-17-18)

2. Content

The Plan(s) shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. The wildlife and vegetative habitat conditions which should be preserved or improved within the proposed development. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06)
- b. Solutions and alternatives to preserve and/or improve the wildlife and vegetative habitat including, if applicable, but not limited to the following: (reloc. 07-12-05)
 - (1) Development or preservation of open space and wildlife corridors. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 7-17-18)
 - (2) Buffering and screening of light and noise sources and orientation of such sources away from wildlife corridors. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 7-17-18)
 - (3) Disposition of infected and diseased vegetation, as well as treatment of noxious weeds. (reloc. 07-12-05; am. 7-17-18)
- c. Location of all existing and proposed streets, drives, parking areas, walkways, plazas, buildings, and other major site elements. (reloc. 07-12-05)
- d. The entity/entities that will implement the plan, construct required improvements and be responsible for the maintenance of the improvements and appropriate easements, if any. (reloc. 07-12-05)

3. Approval

- a. The Plan(s) shall be approved by the Case Manager. (am. 07-12-05; am. 4-4-06)