



All Ireland Pollinator Plan

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Biodiversity & Amenity

Delivered through the following processes;

- Tree Planting & Conservation – Our Largest Environmental Friends;
 - Wildlife Corridors – A Key Conservation Tool;
- Urban Spaces – The New Wild Life Habitats! People Friendly Cities;
- Aiming for Higher Quality Environmental Standards (Green Flag);
- Public & Professional Awareness (Strong Visual Planting Schemes, Endorsing the All Ireland Pollinator Plan, Healthy Green Spaces Project;
 - Development Management Standards and Enforcement;
- Gardens and Spaces for People & Nature (Terryland Forest Park, Gairdin ;
 - A City Wide & Global Message (National Parks City);

Canal Road Tree Pollarding

Before Pollarding



After Pollarding



There are ways to manage trees but not this!

Topped & De-limbed Poplars



Didn't stand a chance!



Wild Life Corridors

Connectivity over Roads



Under Roads



Terryland Forest Park – Wild Life Corridor

**Planting Hedge with Brendan and
social Distancing.**



Extending the Corridor



Microspaces Project

Bruach na Coirrbhe



Foster Street – Magdalene
Survivors Garden

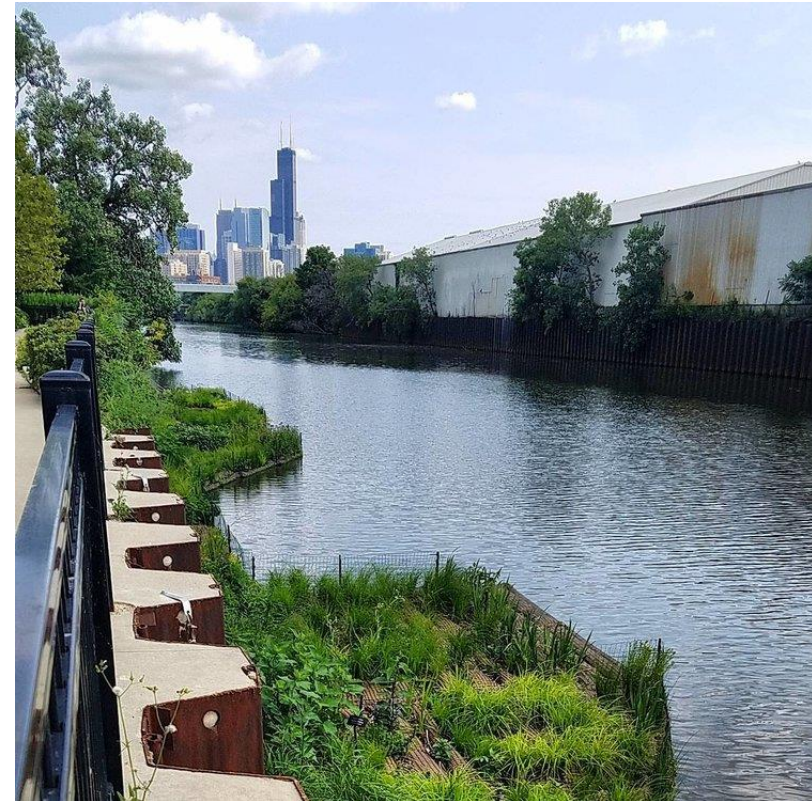


Re-Wilding Cities

Green Walls



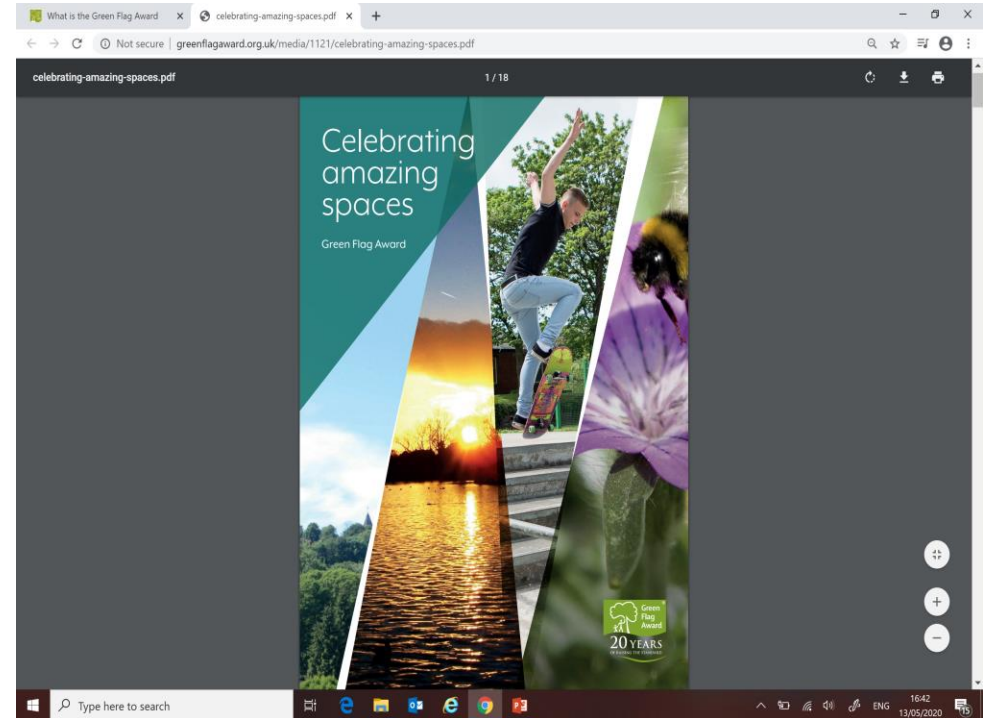
Reverse Engineering



Green Flag Awards 2020

**Green Flag Candidates
Quincentennial Park &
Children's Millennium Park, Galway**

Why Apply for Green Flag Awards?



Protect our Bees

World Bee Day



Bee Hives @ Hunters Lands, Barna

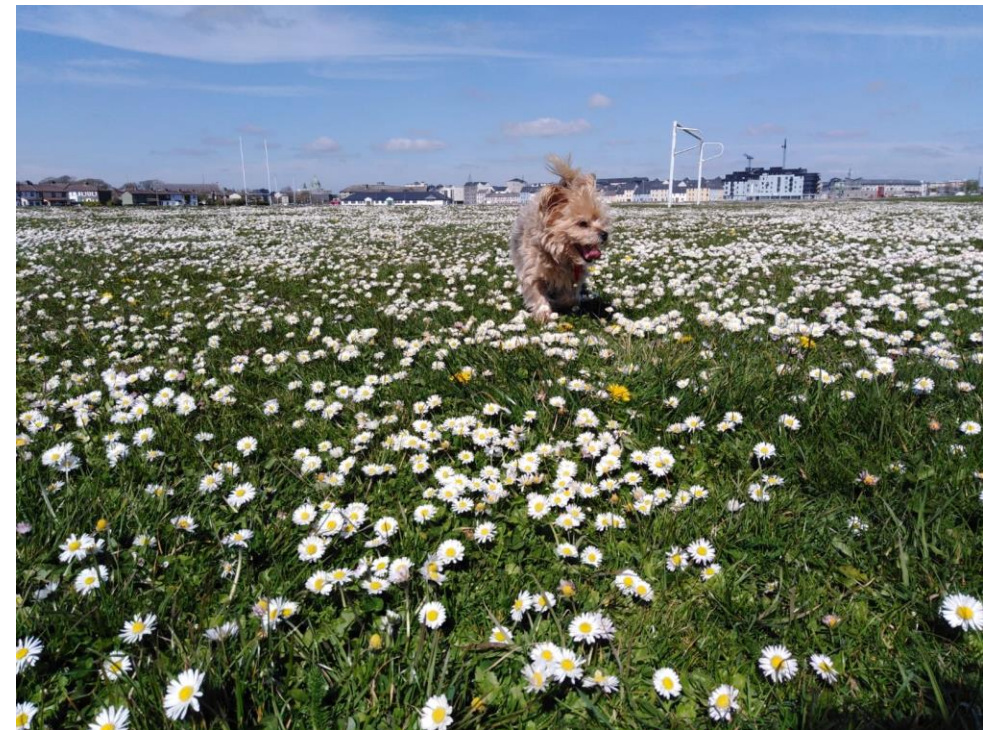


Perennial Planting & Grass Management 2020

**Brother's of Charity Bed Dublin Road
April 2020**



**South Park – Lovin' the Daisies April
2020**



Perennial Planting & Grass Management 2020

Grass height management



The Future of Amenity Planting

Perennial Bulb Planting

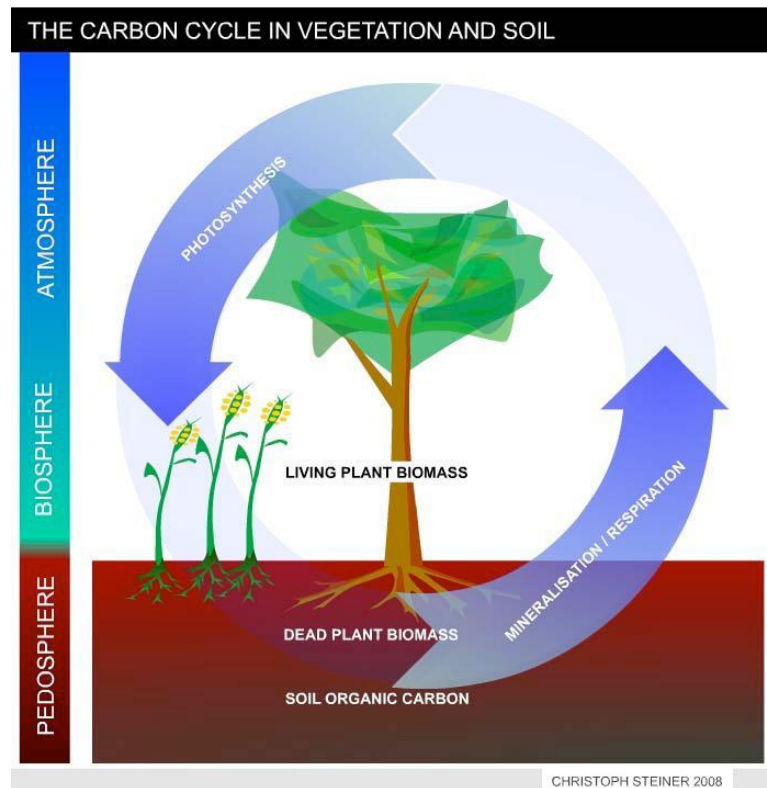


Mixed Wild Flower & Herbaceous Planting

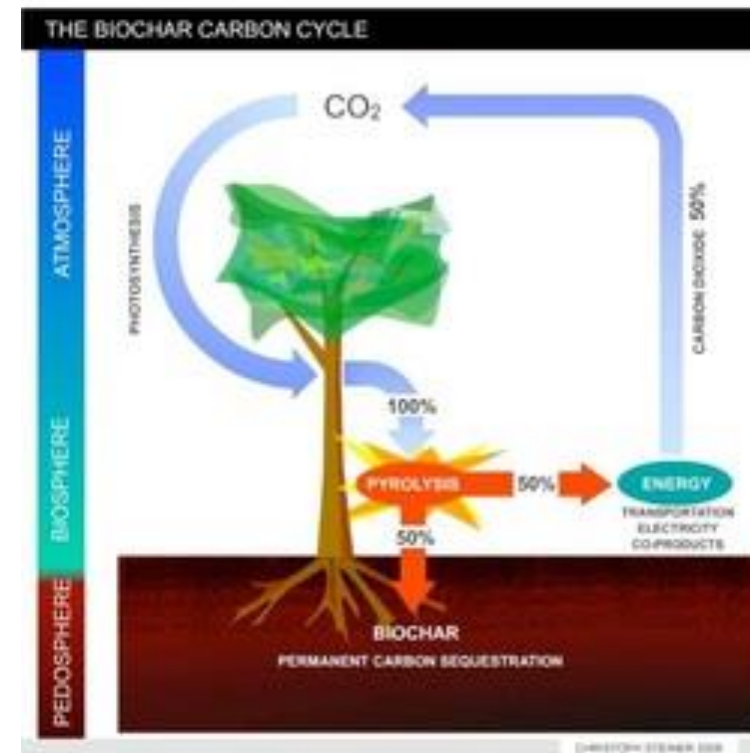


Protect our Soils Reduce CO₂

Normal Organic Degradation



Sequestration of CO₂



Gardens for People

New Garden in County Hall,
Dun Laoighaire Rathdown Co.Co.,
Dublin.



Gairdin Tir na Sean Críonna



Biodiversity @ Home

New Publicly Funded Publication

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Tags # BIODIVERSITY # DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Build a bird bath or install a pond? This new free government guide will show how to promote wildlife in your garden

Dublin residents can order a hard copy of the guide from Dublin City Council, or view it online.

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A NEW BOOKLET has been launched to encourage people to promote wildlife in gardens at home, with tips for beginners and those who are more ambitious DIY enthusiasts.

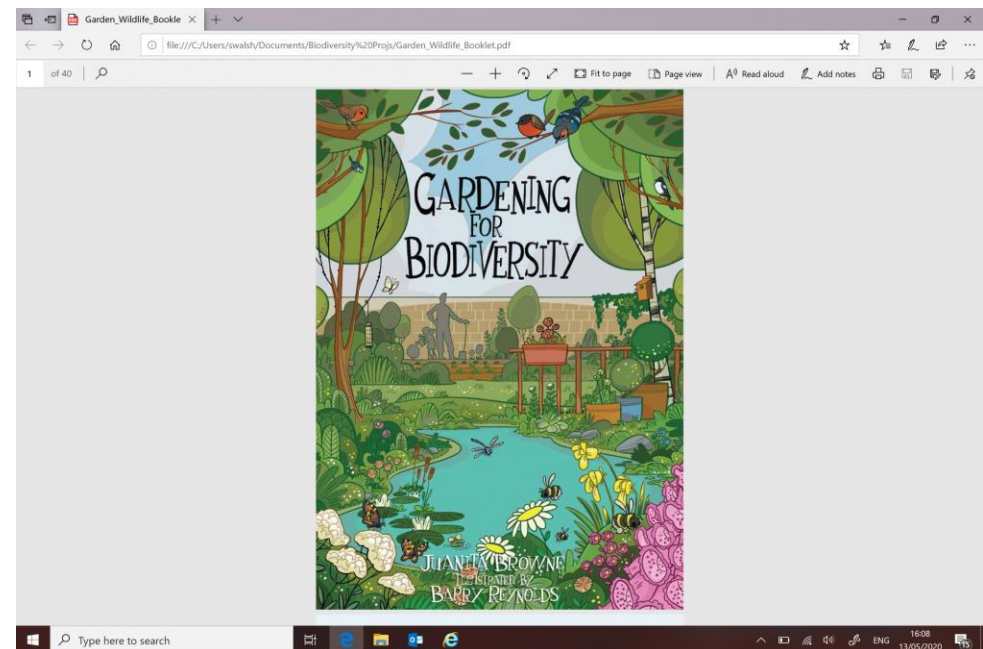
Funded by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the booklet can be posted to people living in Dublin for free by emailing heritage@dublincity.ie and is also available online [here](#). It is available in other areas of the country by contacting your local heritage officer – with details [here](#).



Image: Shutterstock/Kevin M. McCarthy

The guide offers plenty of options to help our biodiversity no matter how big or small your garden is, taking a practical approach on ways to support wildlife.

Gardening For Biodiversity



Healthy Green Spaces

W.H.O. Recommendations



The screenshot shows the WHO website interface. At the top, there's the WHO logo and 'REGIONAL OFFICE FOR Europe'. A navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Health topics', 'Countries', 'Publications', 'Data and evidence', 'Media centre', and 'About us'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'Health topics > Environment and health > Urban health > Publications > Urban green space interventions and health: A review of impacts and effectiveness. Full report (2017)'. On the left, a sidebar for 'Urban health' lists 'News', 'Events', 'Activities', 'Publications', and 'Contact us', with a link to the 'WHO European Healthy Cities Network'. The main content area features the report title 'Urban green space interventions and health: A review of impacts and effectiveness. Full report (2017)' in orange. Below the title, a 'Download' section offers the report in English (PDF, 4.5 MB). A 'Full report' section contains a summary paragraph: 'There is a wide range of international agreements and commitments to enhance and support the establishment of green spaces in urban settings, as these are considered to provide a range of benefits to the urban population. Yet, little is known on the most effective ways to deliver urban interventions on green spaces, and how to make sure that the environmental, social and health benefits are maximized. To respond to this question, this new WHO report provides the results of an evidence review and an assessment of local case studies on urban green space interventions.' This is followed by a paragraph of findings: 'The findings show that interventions to increase or improve urban green space can deliver positive health, social and environmental outcomes for all population groups, particularly among lower socioeconomic status groups. Yet, there is a need for better inclusion of health and equity outcomes in studies on green space interventions, and an improved monitoring of local green space management and related health and equity impacts.' The final paragraph discusses local experiences: 'Local experiences and urban practice suggest that multidisciplinary planning, cross-sectoral collaborations and community engagement in the planning process are essential to ensure that urban green space interventions deliver on multiple outcomes and provide a variety of functional opportunities that attract different population groups. Urban green space interventions seem to be most effective when a physical improvement to the green space is coupled with a social engagement/participation element to promotes the green spaces and reach out to new target groups.'

Quality of Life.



Blog Articles

The Mighty Dandelion

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A Dandelion.

I hope I find you all safe and well and most of all minding yourself and in turn everyone else. The last number of weeks has shown how everything is connected on this beautiful planet - that is our home! Like our own homes we need to mind it and today I want to tell you a bit about the mighty Dandelion. To some of you it may seem a nuisance, to others it's an absolute beauty (see photos below - I think you will agree!). Anyway Dandelions are part of that great System that keeps our Planet Healthy and I will try to explain why they are important and why we should cherish them.




Fig 1. Dandelion Flower - beauty to behold!

Have you noticed that with humans taking a break to protect ourselves from Covid 19 - how busy Nature has been? There are 1000's of Dandelions out there and Jelly Fish in Venice!

Memory Lane

As children we were familiar with those bright yellow flowers (some called them weeds) growing on roadsides and grassy, waste places, with their wonderful flowers that were around from March to October. We pulled the flower heads off the stalks which are hollow and full of sticky white sap. We noticed their bright yellow flowers which closed over during cloudy weather and at night time, that later became 'Jenny Joes' 'Jenny Joes' 'Dandelion Clocks' (depending on what part of Ireland you were in) which is made of many seeds that were carried in the wind. I still remember blowing them off the stalk and seeing how far they would go.

Did you know that the shape of the Dandelion Leaf is the reason it got its name- *Dents de lion* (lion's teeth).




Fig 2. Jenny Joe's/ Jenny Joes/Clocks

Science Stuff

- You know it as the Dandelion but Botanists use the Latin language (invented by the Romans) to name plants. The Botanical Name for the Dandelion is *Taraxacum officinale*.

Colour by Nature

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Fig 1. Flowering Bulb Planting © Lough Auloe.

A Challenge.

The winter wait for spring each year can be a long and dark experience, this year for some it has been even worse! Each autumn, horticultural people like myself plant flowering bulbs for flowering the following spring, as they give our gardens and public spaces such a brightening and cheery lift. This year their light, beauty and fabulous soft texture has reached many more people due to the Covid 19 pandemic and we are fortunate here in Parks Department, Galway City Council to have received such wonderful positive feedback,

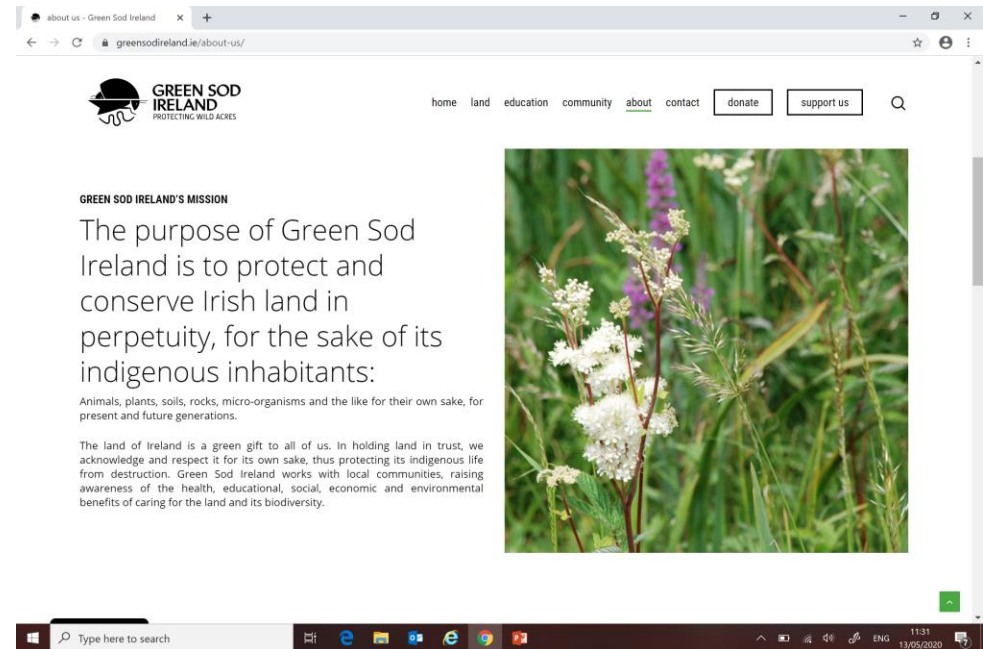
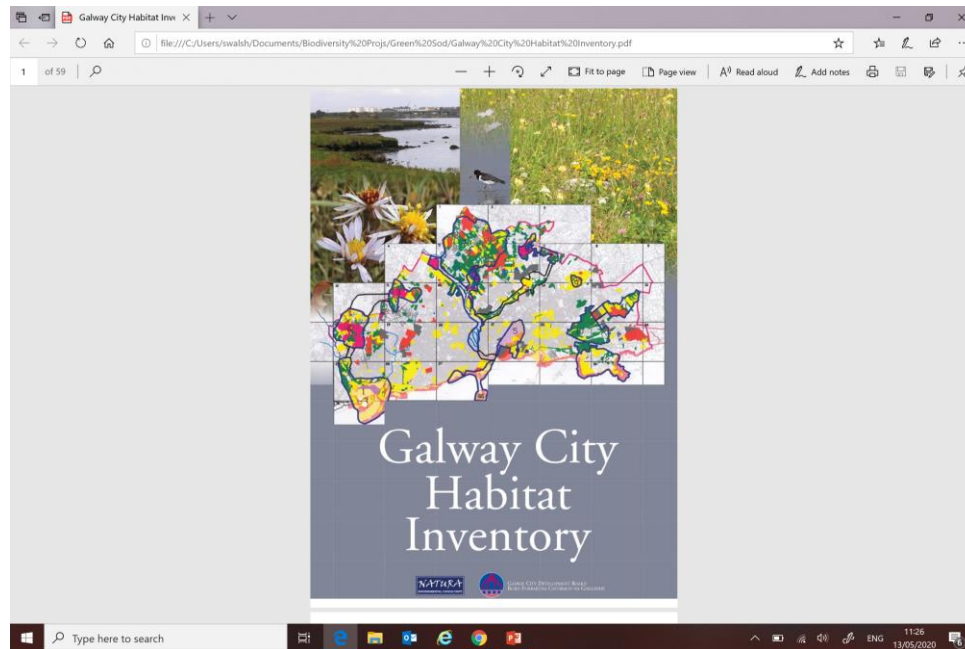


Thank You!

Working with Voluntary Bodies

Promoting Conservation – Areas of Local Importance

Green Sod Land Trust



Development Management Systems

Condition for Landscape Professional

- **The Applicant shall deliver the process and deliverables as set out in Landscape Design Rationale Report & Plan Drawings prepared by the Chartered Landscape Architects received on the Xnd/rdth Month 2020, all installations proposed shall be installed with 3 months of substantial completion of the Development Works. The Consultant Landscape Architect shall be required to submit a progress report to the Recreation & Amenity Department immediately after site clearance and at quarterly intervals. A final report & Management Plan (to form part of the Development's Safety File) with certification of works shall be issued by the Landscape Architect @ Final Completion (post defects period) to the Recreation & Amenity Department for approval for final compliance of this condition;**

Landscape Plan

