

6.3 Ground Plane Vegetation

All unpaved areas shall be covered by one of the following.

6.3.1 PLANTING BEDS

- A. Planting beds may include shrubs, ornamental grasses, ground cover, vines, annuals, or perennials.
- B. A minimum of 60 percent of the bed area shall be covered in plant material. The remaining portion of the bed shall be covered with non-living permeable materials, such as mulch or landscape aggregate.
- C. Annual beds must be maintained seasonally, replanting as necessary.

6.3.2 GRASS

Seeded, plugged, or sodded grass may be planted throughout landscaped areas. Grass shall be established within 90 days of planting or the area must be reseeded, replugged, or resodded.

6.3.3 ARTIFICIAL TURF

A. Definitions

- (1) **Artificial Turf.** Any man-made surface manufactured from synthetic materials which simulate the appearance of live turf, grass, sod, or lawn.
- (2) **Synthetic Infill Material.** Any man-made infill from recycled or virgin materials including but not limited to ambient and cryogenic crumb rubber, coated crumb rubber, ethylene propylene diene monomer granules, thermoplastic elastomer granules, and recycled footwear.
- (3) **Organic Infill Material.** Any material utilizing organic components such as cork, coconut husks, rice husks, silica sand, or acrylic coated sand.

B. Regulations

- (1) The use of artificial turf containing synthetic infill materials shall be prohibited.
- (2) The use of artificial turf containing organic infill materials or containing no infill material shall be permitted, provided that:
 - (a) Such use is in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations; and
 - (b) Any infill is composed completely of organic materials; and
 - (c) The use of artificial turf does not exceed the impervious coverage requirements.