

Analytic Rubric For Green Star Awards

Turf Management	Turfgrass is exceptionally striped, trimmed, edged and maintained. Overall appearance is weed free, rich in color and consistent texture. Turf is free of injury or damage and maintenance program is professionally derived for region and includes demonstrated sustainable practices and methods.	Turfgrass is well maintained with a very pleasing appearance. Some weeds coexist and minor debris is present. Edging, wear and damage is minimally shown. More thought could be given to sustainable practices and methods.	Turfgrass has some imperfections, turf areas are not striped or well edged. The turf management plan is not well addressed in summary. Weeds, disease and insect damage can readily be seen.	Inconsistencies in continuity of quality turfgrass and sound management plan. Improper practices in maintenance, ie. fertility, color, irrigation, insect, disease and mechanical damage. Improper mowing and trimming techniques.
Landscape	Features thoughtful design utilizing elements of form and function, texture and color. Plants are properly mulched and meticulously maintained. Plant usage is diverse and appealing revealing flawless maintenance and includes demonstrated sustainable practices and methods.	Edging good but not crisp, some flower deadheads, trees and shrubs not freshly pruned/sheared. Limited appeal or diversity of plant selectivity for design or color. More thought could be given to sustainable practices and methods.	Shrub, tree and flowerbeds not edged, mulch is not fresh. Presence of weeds, deadheads and debris. Some minor flaws in pruning techniques. Seasonality not considered in theme of design. Landscape/ garden design doesn't fit site.	Inconsistent quality in design, maintenance and function of landscape. Excessive / incorrect pruning and mulching. Lapses in quality of the entire landscape, dead, diseased, infested materials. Presence of debris and weeds.
Challenges	Special projects are explained and pictured. Degree of difficulty is high based on resources of labor and materials, access to site, multiple responsibilities including certification processes for sustainability.	Management plan lacks in diversity of cultural options and minorly addresses environmental stewardship. Safety is considered but not specifically stressed.	Management challenges are normal/routine grounds maintenance. Some safety concerns are present. No mention of environmental stewardship in management plan or lack of a management plan.	No stated maintenance challenges, complete disregard of safety issues. Unprofessional appearance of staff. Staff improperly using equipment in an unsafe manner.
Budget	Budget is very restrictive. Budget is average / unrestricted yet innovative methodology and efficiency is demonstrated in overall management plan.	Concerns for budget items that supports a solid plan are stressed. Long term goals and objectives are outlined with provisions for contingency issues.	No long term planning explained in management plan. Excessive budget disproportionate to the level of staffing and outcome of sites function and aesthetics.	A minimalist approach to management not expressing innovative and cost effective ways to maximize efficiency and productivity. No focus on overall goals and long term planning.