



LANDSCAPE POLICY

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Jefferson County Rural Library District (JCRLD) maintains landscaped areas within its grounds in Port Hadlock which are meant to enhance the library setting and thus enhance the attractiveness of the community. The library grounds also provide a place for appropriate outdoor activities, such as quiet spaces for reading and contemplation; gathering places for library events, including the children's summer reading program.

The Committee is responsible for-supporting the library in its efforts to design and maintain grounds that are attractive and that require low maintenance.

The Landscape Committee

1. The Board of Trustees shall appoint the chairperson who shall select a minimum of five standing members to serve on the Landscape Committee. This committee may be increased to a maximum of nine when required, such as for planning new landscaping projects.
1. Membership on the standing committee shall include a representative of the Board of Trustees and community members with demonstrated expertise in the field of landscaping. The Library Director is an ad hoc member.
2. The initial Committee, appointed to begin their terms as of November 1, 1999, shall consist of six members, two serving terms of three years, two serving terms of two years and two serving a one-year term. Thereafter, all members of the standing committee shall hold office for a term of three years, renewable for one additional term after three years.
3. Minutes of the standing committee meetings shall be provided to the JCRLD Art Committee.

Responsibilities:

1. The Landscape Committee conducts 3 yearly assessments of the Library grounds, to take place in March, July and November. The assessments should cover the general health of landscaped areas, the health of individual or groups of plantings, and any recommendations for improvement. The assessment shall be in written form and

may be structured as a checklist or a narrative or a combination thereof. The committee chair will take responsibility for organizing the assessment effort.

2. The Landscaping Committee presents recommendations, including written plans and cost estimates for new landscape projects to the Board of Trustees, upon request.
3. The Landscape Committee works with the Art Committee in planning placement of outdoor art.

Goals of the Landscaping Committee

To support creation of:

1. An appropriate, attractive, low-maintenance environment.
2. Additional community gathering space, where possible.
3. Outdoor educational opportunities, where possible.

The Landscape Committee supports the Library in its effort to create a healthy, pesticide free garden using the principles of IPM (Integrated Pest Management). To choose plants that grow well in the Northwest, work to build a healthy soil and create a garden with a diversity that attracts wildlife. To, whenever possible, manage our plant problems with nontoxic solutions to create a garden that is safe for our citizens. To, in the interest of a healthy environment, accept a certain amount of insect damage and to realize that healthy plants that are grown in healthy, well-prepared soil can often survive insect or disease infestations.