

APPENDIX P

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WALKWAY POLICY - THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

With the volume of physical projects generally underway on the various campuses of The Ohio State University, including new and renovated buildings and their sites, new or modified streets and roadways, underground utilities, open space development, and other landscape improvements, as well as periodic walkway maintenance and repair projects, campus walkways are continually being constructed, replaced or repaired.

A general policy is needed to insure that a continuity of design exists in the development of the pedestrian circulation system on the campuses and to effect economies in the long-term maintenance of that network. Further, the policy should take into consideration the specific character of defined areas or regions of the campuses and recognize the unique purposes for various projects that include or result in walkway construction.

POLICY STATEMENT: It is the policy of The Ohio State University that, absent other considerations, the walkways of the University shall be of concrete construction. Pavers, such as pressed brick masonry units or interlocking pavers, may be used as adjunct surfaces for those areas where it is appropriate, to provide for improved drainage, to protect the viability of plant materials, or for design purposes. The use of pavers shall especially be avoided on sloping walks or drives.

EXCEPTIONS: Deviations from the policy above shall be permitted in those areas where a predominant character has already been established for walkways by use of other materials.

Deviations from the policy shall also be permitted in especially-defined areas (field areas, gardens, natural areas, special feature sites, etc.) where the use of concrete walkways or masonry pavers would clearly be inappropriate or where structural considerations apply.

The campuses of the institution serve as outdoor teaching laboratories for many disciplines, among which are the School of Natural Resources, the Departments of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, City and Regional Planning, Agricultural Engineering, Horticulture, Botany, Industrial Design, Civil Engineering, the Cooperative Extension Service and others. Deviations from the policy shall be permitted in defined campus areas in support of the academic mission of the University when they contribute to the student's learning environment.

REQUIREMENTS: Nothing in this policy shall be construed to mean that all other University standards and requirements shall not be observed in projects involving walkways on the campuses of The Ohio State University. Accessibility, safety, quality of construction and maintenance considerations are not altered by this policy and its exceptions.

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