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405.2.2

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Revise as follows:

405.2.2 Invasive plant species. *Invasive plant species* shall not be planted on a building site. A management plan for the containment, removal and replacement of any *invasive plant species* currently on the site shall be generated based on either published recommendation for the referenced invasive plant or guidance ~~prepared~~ submitted by a qualified professional the owner or owner's authorized agent. Existing vegetation that is to be retained on a building site shall be protected as required by Section 405.2.

Reason: The term 'qualified professional' is undefined and could potentially be determined and decided on in such a way as to limit a person from the possibility of submitting the required information and thus regulate that person out of possible work.

We believe it would be better to request specific information to be included on an Invasive Species Management Plan (Section 405.2.2) than to qualify that by using the undefined term 'qualified professional'.

Other sections in the code, for example Section 401.2, states *what* information has to be submitted to comply with that section and we feel that a similar language, requesting information by anyone who can supply that information, is a more effective way to submit an Invasive Species Management Plan.

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction. While there likely would not be any cost implications to the code official or building department, it may be a less expensive option for the consumer, while providing a wider range of professionals the opportunity to create and submit this documentation.

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