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405.1.4

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Revise as follows:

405.1.4 Soil reuse and restoration. Soils that are being placed ~~or replaced~~ on a building site shall be prepared, ~~amended~~ and placed in a manner that establishes ~~or restores~~ the ability of the soil to support the vegetation ~~that has been protected~~ and that will be planted. Soil reuse and restoration shall be in accordance with Sections 405.1.4.1 and 405.1.4.2.

Reason: It does not make a difference if the soil originated on the site or not; use of the word “replace” in this section does not add meaning or trigger a specific requirement. “Amending” the soil is part of preparing it. There is no need to mention it separately. If soils are being placed, it implies there is no vegetation being protected in place. Vegetation protected in place should already have acceptable soil.

This proposal was submitted by the ICC Sustainability Energy and High Performance Code Action Committee (SEHPCAC). The SEHPCAC was established by the ICC Board of Directors to pursue opportunities to improve and enhance International Codes with regard to sustainability, energy and high performance as it relates to the built environment included, but not limited to, how these criteria relate to the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). This includes both the technical aspects of the codes as well as the code content in terms of scope and application of referenced standards. In 2012 and 2013, the SEHPCAC has held six two-day open meetings and 50 workgroup calls, which included members of the SEHPCAC as well as any interested parties, to discuss and debate proposed changes and public comments. Related documentation and reports are posted on the SEHPCAC website at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/SEHPCAC/Pages/default.aspx>.

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction.

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