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Environmental functions include water quality preservation, protection and improvement; stormwater detention and retention; wetland and sensitive area protection; noxious weed control; noise control; habitat protection; habitat connectivity; air quality improvement; and erosion control.

Environmental functions are inseparable from operational, visual and auxiliary functions. For example, a central median can provide visual screening from oncoming traffic, reduce headlight glare to improve safety, provide habitat for certain wildlife, and provide a location for stormwater collection.

Information previously found in the Roadside Manual chapters 410 through 460 is now found through the [Environmental Services Office](#) webpages and the [Environmental Manual](#). Those chapters have been removed from this manual.

