

Foreword

The *Roadside Classification Plan* (RCP) coordinates and guides the management for sustainability of Washington State highway roadsides, including planning, design, construction, and maintenance activities.

The intent of the RCP is to provide a uniform framework for consistent, proactive statewide roadside preservation and maintenance and to facilitate cost-effective restoration of the state's roadsides. The policies and guidelines provided herein support the regional variations while maintaining consistent statewide standards.

The RCP is to be used in conjunction with the State Highway System Plan and any departmental policies, guidelines, and publications that have bearing on the management of state roadsides.

In coordination with the State Highway System Plan, the RCP:

- Provides guidelines for roadside preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation.
- Advocates the use of native plants, Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM), and a long-term management approach to achieve sustainable roadsides.
- Sets statewide goals and objectives for roadside sustainability, establishes roadside character classifications, and records roadside character designations in the Roadside Classification Log.

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