

Michigan Veterans' Memorial Park (MVMP) Landscape Requirements/Recommendations

Basic Landscape Design & Requirements

1. Detailed plan of proposed landscape design shall be submitted after receiving preliminary design approval.
2. The plan shall be prepared by a landscape architect, registered in the State of Michigan and shall indicate, to scale, the location, spacing, starting size and description of each type of plant material utilized in the plan.
3. The Michigan Veterans' Memorial Commission (MVMP), along with DTMB-Operations, shall consider design plans and materials in relation to their fulfillment of the basic landscape requirements/recommendations.

General Provisions

1. Landscaping shall be installed within 6 months of completion of the monument.
2. All landscaping shall be continuously maintained by DTMB-Operations after installation.
 - a. Ongoing maintenance cost will be covered by the maintenance fund established per Section 3.6.3 of the MVMP Monument Application Process-Guidelines and Requirements for Review and Acceptance.
3. All landscaping will follow the standard requirements/recommendations as outlined:
 - a) Landscaping shall not extend more the 2 feet out from the monument base and approaching sidewalk
 - b) Plant spacing will follow traditional landscape recommendations, as provided by the landscape architect.
 - c) Native, drought resistant species that are tolerant to Michigan weather are required for longevity of the landscape.
 - d) Plant materials shall be of generally acceptable varieties and species, free from insects and disease.
 - e) Artificial plant materials are prohibited.
 - f) A limited mixture of hardy species is recommended, rather than a large quantity of different species, to produce a more aesthetic, cohesive design.
 - g) Trees will not be permitted around the monuments; to ensure security camera views are not obstructed.
 - h) Ground cover around plants/shrubs can be stones or wood chips/mulch.
 - i) All plants shall be guaranteed, by the Donor, for a period of 2 years, and those that are diseased or dead must be replaced in conformance with the landscape plan.
 - j) The diseased or dead plantings must be replaced with plantings of the same size as others currently on the site within 2 months.
 - k) Preservation and incorporation of existing trees in the MVMP is encouraged.

Irrigation

1. The monument donor will be responsible for purchase and install of an adequate irrigation system to be tied into the State of Michigan ground irrigation system.

Suggested shrubs and plants

1. Suggested shrubs

Boxwood
Burning bush
Barberry
Holly
Ninebark
Spirea
Weigela

2. Suggested plants

Autumn Joy Sedum
Cora Bell
Echinacea (Coneflowers)
Hosta
Yarrow