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Dear Sir

**REVISED HANDBOOK ON GREENERY PROVISION AND TREE CONSERVATION
GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENTS**

Aim

This circular informs developers, building owners, architects and engineers and relevant industry practitioners of the revised handbook on greenery provision and tree conservation guidelines for developments.

Revision to the Handbook

2 The National Parks Board (NParks) introduced the “Tree Conservation & Tree Planting Provision for Development Projects” handbook in 2011 to provide guidance on the statutory and technical requirements for greenery provision, tree planting and conservation for development projects in Singapore. The handbook also describes the procedures for development plan submissions to NParks.

3 There has been feedback to make the handbook clearer and easier to understand. In response, we have re-designed the handbook, provided illustrated examples on how to apply flexibilities to greenery provisions, and incorporated latest changes to NParks’ technical requirements and submission procedures. The changes are listed in Annex A.

4 The revised handbook will be renamed as “Guidelines on Greenery Provision and Tree Conservation for Developments”. It is available for downloading at www.nparks.gov.sg.



Effective Date

5 The revised handbook will replace the existing guidebook with effect from 5 March 2018.

Clarifications

6 Kindly convey the contents of this circular to your members. For queries concerning this circular, please contact Ms Michelle Ng at 64717882 (email: michelle_ng@nparks.gov.sg) or Mr Toh You Pan at 64717829 (email: toh_you_pan@nparks.gov.sg). Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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Annex A

Chapter No.	Chapter Title	Summary of Revisions
3	<i>Greenery Provision on Premises</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New alternative green buffers configuration• More allowable structures within green buffers and peripheral planting verges• New alternative planting area configuration for open air parking area at street level• New alternative surface treatment for parking lots
4	<i>Greenery Provision for Roadside</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision to clearance distances of roadside elements to trees• New section to describe greenery requirements for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Depressed road portal○ Road viaduct/flyover○ Retaining wall
5	<i>Planting Specifications of Trees/Palms/Shrubs/Hedges/Turf</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarifications to the specifications for trees, palms, shrubs and turf• Revision to tree staking requirements
6	<i>Open Space for Landed Housing Developments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarifications to design and technical requirements for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Playground/fitness equipment

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signboards ○ Litter Bins ○ Shelter ○ Safety railings ○ Park lighting and OG box ○ Soft landscape and tree planting
7	<i>Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New chapter on NParks' requirements at CSC stage
8	<i>Submission Procedures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications to plan submission requirements for DC, BP and CSC application
9	<i>Self-Declaration Scheme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New scheme for BP (internal) and CSC application • Revision to eligibility conditions and criteria for DC and BP (external) applications