

Dear Ms. Saare-Edmonds,

Attached, please find comments from The Lawn Institute (TLI) pertaining to the 2015 draft of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. TLI is a non-profit foundation created 60 years ago to monitor, interpret and report on the latest advances in turfgrass research, landscape horticulture, and agronomic science and serves as an internationally recognized authority among turf professionals and scientists.

TLI is happy to be provided the opportunity to share comments on behalf of those in the green industry. I am also attaching two interesting literature reviews, which compile information about the many benefits (both short- and long-term) that turfgrass provides to families and communities. While I understand that these two articles may not be directly relevant to the work that you are doing on the ordinance, I thought they might provide a fuller picture of role that turfgrass serves in mitigating extreme climate conditions.

After reading the comments, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss them further.

Sincere regards,

Melanie

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