



## LANDSCAPE SELF-CERTIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM

### Introduction:

The updated Landscape Self-Certification Program is a pilot program that is effective starting on July 1, 2024. The pilot program will allow a Qualified Landscape Professional who meets certain requirements in education and experience to certify compliance of Conceptual Landscape Plans with the City’s landscape regulations. The Qualified Landscape Professional would self-certify that qualifying projects comply with the City of Chula Vista’s Municipal Code, Sectional Planning Area (“SPA”) landscape requirements (if applicable), Landscape Water Conservation Ordinance, Landscape Manual, Landscape Improvement Review Packet, and any other applicable landscape requirements. Projects that are currently in review, may qualify for the program.

The pilot program will be reviewed to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the program. The City reserves the right to suspend operation of the Landscape Self-Certification Program, or to modify terms and conditions of the program as it deems necessary or appropriate. Nothing in these provisions shall be construed to prevent a Qualified Landscape Professional from submitting a project through the standard plan review process.

### Qualified Professionals:

To participate in the Landscape Self-Certification Program, a Qualified Landscape Professional would consist of a Licensed Landscape Architect who is registered in the State of California and is in good standing with the California Architect’s Board, Landscape Architect’s Technical Committee. Licensed Landscape Architects that have three years of professional experience must meet all the requirements outlined in the pilot program and maintain a high-level of professional competence and satisfactory performance while participating in the program.

### Qualifying Projects:

Projects that require one or more of the discretionary permits identified below would be eligible for the program provided other eligibility requirements are met.

Discretionary Permits
Coastal Development Permit (CDP)
Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
Design Review (DR): 200 residential units or less, including mixed use projects

### Non-Qualifying Projects:

Projects that share a property line with the Otay Valley River Park (OVRP) do not qualify for the pilot program.

### Project Submittal Procedures:

Applicants shall check the “yes” box on the Submittal Checklist for [Coastal Development](#), [Design Review](#) or for [Conditional Use Permit\(s\)](#) indicating the submittal of Conceptual Landscape Plans and indicating the election to enroll in the Landscape Self-Certification Program by attaching the Landscape Self-Certification Agreement to the application. The Conceptual Landscape Plans must be stamped by the Qualified Landscape Professional that prepared the plans for submittal under the Landscape Self-Certification Program. The landscape cover sheet of the Conceptual Landscape Plans must contain the signature of the Qualified Landscape Professional that prepared the plans.

The [Landscape Self-Certification Agreement](#) shall be included with the permit application indicating review for eligibility of the Landscape Self-Certification Program and includes the Qualified Landscape Professional’s License Number, expiration date and signature attesting to the following:

- A. The Qualified Landscape Professional meets the education and experience requirements for eligibility for the Qualified Landscape Professional and is in good standing with the State of California.
- B. The submitted plans were prepared by the Qualified Landscape Professional.
- C. Contain the signed attestation statement.