

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE  
ON  
PLANT MATERIALS

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1. The Sub-Committee, after a study of roadside development projects submitted by a number of States in regions of varying climatic conditions, concludes that plants for roadside use should be selected on the basis of ecological factors, and that within each State there are areas of differing ecological characteristics containing certain dominant types of native vines, low shrubs and grasses of outstanding value for roadside planting.
2. The Committee recommends that each State highway department enlist the cooperation of agricultural experiment stations and other scientific agencies in preparing lists of dominant native plants best adapted for use in highway landscape development.
3. It is particularly recommended that the States include in their plant material lists and studies those native grasses and herbaceous plants which are dominant ground covers in each locality. By such procedure it will be possible to furnish authentic information to seedmen's associations for the development of a commercial supply of native seed.
4. It is recommended that State highway departments in regions of similar climate collaborate with nurserymen's associations and local nurseries toward improving specifications for native roadside plant materials. The Committee will thus be enabled to contact the American Nurserymen's Association regarding standards to be prepared to fit highway planting requirements in all regions.
5. It is further recommended that standard specifications be adopted by the States within each ecological region covering nursery-grown stock and nursery-collected material.