

APPENDIX E

POLICY AND STANDARDS FOR NEW JERSEY BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, U.S. 22
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY COUNCIL

To preserve the dignity and beauty usually associated with memorials as well as to incorporate the modern conception of a living memorial that it will be useful and vital, the Garden Club of New Jersey sought the cooperation of the bordering municipalities in the development of the Blue Star Drive.

Governing bodies were asked:

To maintain or improve zoning classifications existing at the time the Memorial was created.

To grant no variances of the zoning or building codes along the Memorial route unless consistent with development of the Memorial.

To enforce local ordinances.

To adopt regulatory measures on an inter-community basis to insure an orderly development of the route.

To give gifts of land or to give planting easements bordering the highway, so as to permit the fulfillment of the planting plan of the Memorial.

To establish memorial features along the route.

Property owners were asked:

To observe the proposed standards and to cooperate in carrying out the objectives of the Memorial on a voluntary basis.] (End)

Trends in real estate and commercial expansion have necessitated a revision of the plan for the development of the Memorial. Cancellation of easements has made advisable the acquisition of all undeveloped land. Enabling legislation in 1947 permits the State Highway Department to acquire border lands to an average depth of 100 feet. The revised planting plan of Blue Star Drive calls for selective thinning, grading and opening of vistas as well as the naturalistic planting of dogwood trees, native shrubs and other memorial features on property thus acquired.

Policy for the remaining privately owned land is to encourage an orderly development on Blue Star Drive within the pattern already established. Business as well as residential areas may be pleasing and acceptable without decreasing the effectiveness of their purpose.

The cooperation of municipalities along the Memorial Route U.S. 22 is solicited on the basis previously stated. To this end, the Blue Star Highway Council recommends certain standards: (1) general recommendations in the interest of safety, economy, and general welfare, and (2) specific sign regulations as set forth in an appendix hereto.

It is the belief of the council, as well as of consulted authorities that observance of the above recommendations will not only render the memorial worthy of the