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## Assessment/Evaluation of Greening Initiatives by DDA, MCD, NDMC, PWD and Forest Dept. for the year 2004-05

**Agencies involved in assessment:** Development Alternatives and Kalpavriksh

### Objective:

- Systematically assess the plantation /greening done by MCD, DDA, NDMC, PWD and the Forest Department
- Preparation of an evaluation report with considered recommendations

### Methodology:

A good sample size including different contexts (road zone, parks, schools etc.) will be considered for assessment. A minimum sample size is necessary, in contrast to just a few random site visits, to evaluate a given agency's greening performance and make meaningful and practical recommendations. Specific steps will include on-site verification and assessments, interactions with different levels of staff of greening wings of agencies, interactions with neighbouring/local residents, senior officials of different agencies, data compilation and analysis/interpretation and formulation of considered recommendations based on above assessments and interactions/discussions.

### Criteria:

- Whether planted as per the list
- Species planted (Do they match the context, need(s), possibility of the location; are they native or exotic?)
- Survival
- After care: Adequate Watering, protection measures like installation of tree guards, fencing where necessary etc.
- Problems and constraints faced by the greening agencies

### Output:

A Report that will include

- An assessment of greening initiatives undertaken in 2004-05 by different civic agencies and departments in the NCT of Delhi
- Documentation (Written and visual)
- Recommendations and suggestions

A List of species (primarily native and) suitable to Delhi's climate, soil conditions and needs.

**Time Period:** Minimum period of 2 months from date of commencement.

## Budget

Travel	15,000
Honorariums: Site Visits for Inspections/assessments @ Rs. 1500 per site (total of 50 sites)	75,000
Office expenses, data analysis, secretarial assistance etc.	20,000
Documentation and Report Writing	10,000
Total	<hr/> 1,20,000

**Evaluation of Greening Programs of DDA, MCD, NDMC, PWD and Forest Dept.  
for the year 2004-05**

To make a practical and real difference/contribution to the objective of Greening Delhi, with due consideration we are interested and willing to:

- Undertake an evaluation/assessment exercise of Greening/plantations undertaken by different civic agencies like MCD, DDA, NDMC, PWD and FD.
- On the basis of above mentioned evaluations make considered recommendations for improvement and action in future greening plans and processes.

\* These evaluations need to be in the form of a proper evaluation/ project report.

A minimum number of sites need to be covered per agency, a **sufficient sample size**, say of 10% or 10 sites per agency. This is necessary to evaluate an agency's greening performance and a basis on which an understanding, suitable observations and recommendations can be made. These recommendations can then be an important input into the following years greening plans.

Visiting 1,2 or 3 sites does not enable us to make observations on anything more than those individual sites. And this has limited use, if any. One cannot, in full fairness, comment on an agency's greening performance and offer suggestions on the basis of 1 or 2 sites. Also, it may be difficult for these inspections to positively feed into future greening programs.

\* The evaluation process stated above (an essential minimum in our opinion) will need sufficient financial, logistical support and an adequate time frame.

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*Note: We suggest that details of the evaluation exercise be finalized in a meeting between Secretary, Environment; Forest Department and us.*

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