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MEMORANDUM

FOR

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The Division Chief, Forest Resources Conservation Division

National Greening Program

FROM

The Director

Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT

INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE

01 March 2023

In reference to the electronic mail received by our office on 28 February 2023 from the Special Committee on Reforestation, they are inviting the Department to a virtual meeting on March 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM, via Zoom Video Conferencing with ID No. 923 8830 6338 Password 489405, for the deliberation of the following measures:

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In this regard, we are requesting comments/recommendations on the above-mentioned House Bills. Kindly send them on or before March 6, 2023, at 5 PM via email at denrllo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached are the invitation letter, agenda, and matrices. The copies of the bills may be accessed through this link https://bit.ly/3Z9YEFk.

For information and action, please.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



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March 14, 2023 (Tuesday), 10:00AM, via Zoom Platform

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Acknowledgement of Guest/Resource Persons
- III. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting
- IV. Preliminary Remarks of HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON ELEANOR C. BULUT-BEGTANG
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- VI. Other Matters
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19th Congress First Regular Session

MATRIX ON GREEN MEASURES ACT

HB Nos. 1650, 1987, and 2497

HB No. 1650	HB No. 1987	HB No. 2497	Draft Substitute Measure
Authored by:	Authored by:	Authored by:	(Approved on 3 rd Reading in
Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-	Joseph Stephen S. Paduano	Dante S. Garcia	the 18 th Congress)
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	Required for Developmental		
	Projects. – For development		
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		had never been incorporated in		
		this Act.		
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	shall take effect fifteen (15)	This Act shall take effect fifteen	Act shall take effect fifteen	Act shall take effect fifteen
	days after its publication in the	(15) days after its publication in	(15) days after its publication	(15) days after its publication
	Official Gazette or in any	the Official Gazette or in at least	in the Official Gazette or in a	in the Official Gazette or in a
	newspaper of general	two (2) newspapers of national	newspaper of general	newspaper of general
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MATRIX ON NATIONAL GREENING ACT

HB NO. 538 Authored by Dan S. Fernandez	HB No. 5327 Authored by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez	Draft Substitute Measure (Pending with Committee on Appropriations in the 18 th Congress)
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE GREENING OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO
PHILIPPINES	PHILIPPINES	STRENGTHEN THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY, PROHIBITING FOR
		THE PURPOSE THE CUTTING OF TREES AND DESTROYING OR INJURING OF PLANTS IN CERTAIN AREAS, AND PROVIDING
		PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF
Section 1. Short Title. – This Act Shall be	SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be	SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall
known as the "National Greening Act of 2022."	known and cited as the "National Greening Act".	be known as the "National Greening Act."
Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a	SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – Recognizing the vital role of trees in ecological stability, it is hereby declared	SEC. 2. <i>Declaration of Policy</i> . – It is the policy of the State to ensure sufficient greenery in urban and rural areas and to
balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.	the national policy to ensure sufficient greenery in urban and countryside and to	promote the right of the people to enjoy the benefits of a balanced and healthy

Towards this end, the State shall adopt and implement plans, projects and programs for the effective greening of the urban and countryside in the entire country.	promote the right of the people to enjoy the benefits of a balanced and healthy ecology.	ecology. Towards this end, the State shall adopt and implement plans, projects and programs for the effective greening of the urban and rural landscape in the entire country and shall optimize the vital role of indigenous and endemic plants in strengthening the country's ecological stability, food and water security, health and wellness, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and disaster risk reduction.
	SECTION 3. Scope. – This Act shall apply to all barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces.	
Sec. 3. Objectives. – This Act shall have	SECTION 4. Objectives. – Pursuant to	SEC. 3. <i>Objectives</i> . – The objectives of
the following objectives:	the policy declared herein, it is the	this Act are as follows:
	objective of this Act:	
a. To encourage, as well as provide	(a) To build, develop and maintain	a) Build, develop, adopt and
necessary support, to all entities,	forest parks in provincial, city and	maintain forest parks and various
both public and private, to plant	municipal plazas, elementary	types of garden, including
trees, flowers, plants and grass in	school grounds and by the planting	medicinal and healing gardens, in
all vacant spaces, pots and	of trees in national, provincial,	every local government unit
containers;	municipal or barangay roads and	(LGU), and appropriate public and
	other public open spaces where	private school grounds, and other
b. To build, develop and maintain	appropriate;	public and voluntarily-included
forest parks, and gardens in	(b) To require from the national	private open spaces;
provincial, city and municipal,	agencies and local government	
plazas, school roads, and other	units the planting of trees and	b) Require national agencies and
public open spaces where appropriate;	shrubbery in specified areas;	LGUs to initiate programs for the propagation of diverse

- c. To require from the national agencies and local government units the planting of trees and shrubbery in specified areas;
- d. To promote environmental consciousness among the community members, such as students, out-of-school youth, civic action groups through their active participation in greening activities; and
- e. To protect trees and other vegetation from destructive human activities.

- (c) To promote environmental consciousness among the community members, i.e. students, youth, other civic action groups, by encouraging active participation in tree-planting activities;
- (d) To protect trees from various human activities.

- indigenous and endemic plants in accordance with the distinctive and unique ecosystem of a specific area;
- c) Promote environmental consciousness, educate and implement capability building activities, and encourage the active participation of community leaders, students, youth, professionals, civic action groups, and private landowners;
- d) Strictly maintain, nurture and monitor the planting of trees and other indigenous and endemic plant species to increase the forest cover and create new habitats that provide ecosystem services; and
- e) Identify and develop new nurseries to have a stable and continuous source of endemic and indigenous plant species that are needed and appropriate in specific areas for the effective implementation of the greening program.

SEC. 4. **Definition of Terms**. – As used in

this Act:

- a) Biodiversity refers to the variability among living organisms from all sources which include terrestrial, marine, and aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part, and diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems;
- b) Endemic species refer to the species or subspecies of flora and fauna which are naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the country;
- or subspecies of flora and fauna which are produced, growing, living, or occurring natively or naturally in a particular region or environment;
- d) Medicinal and healing garden refers to a place of refuge that promote healing and improve health, including open spaces in hospitals and healthcare facilities, and the plants grown possess therapeutic properties or exert beneficial pharmacological effect

		on the human or animal body;
		e) Open space refers to an area reserved exclusively for parks,
		playgrounds, recreational uses, schools, roads, places of worship,
		hospitals, health centers, barangay centers, and other similar facilities
		and amenities; and
		f) Professional organizations refer to
		groups of urban planners,
		landscape architects, engineers,
		surveyors, builders and other
		professionals who possess knowledge and skill in
		environmental sustainability.
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Sec. 4. National Greening Committee. –	SECTION 5.	SEC. 5. National Greening Committee. –
A National Greening Committee	A National Greening Committee is hereby	A National Greening Committee,
(National Committee) is hereby	created with the Secretary of the	hereinafter referred to as the National
constituted, to be composed of the	Department of Environment and Natural	Committee, is created, and composed of
Secretary of the Department of	Resources (DENR) as Chairman and the	representatives from the government and
Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as Chairman and the respective	respective secretaries of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH),	the private sector, as follows:
Secretary of the Department of	Department of Tourism (DOT),	a) Secretary of Environment and
Agriculture (DA), Department of	Department of Interior and Local	Natural Resources, as chairperson;
Education (DepEd), Department of the	Government (DILG), Department of	

Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as members.

The National Committee shall have the power to promulgate the pertinent rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the objectives and purposes of this Act within a period not later than ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act.

It shall have the power to rule on disputes involving the Regional Greening Committee and to appoint or form an ad hoc committee when the Regional Committee is unable to perform its duties.

The National Committee also convenes every quarter to hear the reports or performance from the Regional Committee.

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- b) Secretary of Public Works and Highway;
- c) Secretary of Tourism;
- d) Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;
- e) Secretary of Education;
- f) Secretary of Agriculture;
- g) Secretary of Agrarian Reform;
- h) Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education; and
- i) Three (3) representatives each from the professional organizations and civic action groups who shall be appointed by the chairperson, as members.

The National Committee shall rule on disputes involving the regional greening committees created under Section 6 of this Act and shall form an ad-hoc committee if the regional greening committee is unable to perform its duties.

The National Committee shall convene every quarter to hear the performance

		reports of the regional greening committees.
Sec. 5. Regional Committee. –	SECTION 6. Regional Committee.	SEC. 6. Regional Greening Committee. –
A Greening Committee for every region in the country, in cooperation with the various local government offices, is hereby constituted to initiate and oversee all the greening activities to be done in the barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces in the respective regions. The respective Regional Director of the DENR shall serve as Chairperson of each Regional Committee, while the respective	A Greening Committee for every region in the country, in cooperation with the various local government offices, is hereby created to initiate and oversee all the tree-planting activities to be done in barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces in the respective regions. The Regional Director representing the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	A regional greening committee for every region in the country, in cooperation with the various local government units and executive regional offices, is created to initiate and oversee all the tree planting activities in barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces. The regional greening committee is composed of the regional directors of the Department of Environment and Natural
Regional Director of the DA, DepEd, DILG, DOT, and DPWH would serve as members. The Regional Committee shall coordinate with all the concerned government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), people organizations (POs) and other civil action groups for assistance and cooperation in the implementation of this Act.	(DENR) and the lead official of the concerned local government unit LGU) shall both serve as Co-Chairmen of the Committee. Members of the Committee, representing the respective secretaries, will be the regional directors of the Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Agriculture (DA) and at most three (3) representatives from civic action groups appointed by the Chairman. The Regional Greening Committee shall coordinate with all the concerned	Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and three (3) representatives each from professional organizations and civic action groups appointed by the regional director of DENR as chairperson. The local chief executive of the concerned LGU shall act as vice chairperson.

government agencies, non-governmental
organization (NGOs), peoples
organizations (POs), and other civic
action groups for assistance and
cooperation in the implementation of this
Act.

The regional greening committee shall coordinate with all the concerned government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), peoples organizations, and other civic action groups for assistance and cooperation in the implementation of this Act.

- Sec. 6. Specific Functions of the Executive Departments. Aside from the common Committee responsibilities, the individual line departments of the executive branch shall have the following specific functions:
- (a) The DENR and the DA shall determine the suitable species of trees, plants and other vegetation and provide seeds, "seedlings or saplings to be planted in forest parks, gardens, open public spaces, or along or on major thoroughfares, suited to the kind, classification, and condition of the area and shall provide technical support involving such greening activities;
- (b) The LGU shall:
 - (1) mobilize all local concerned agencies and communities to ensure prompt and effective

SECTION 7. Specific functions of the Executive Departments. –

Aside from the Committee responsibilities,

- (a) The DENR shall determine the suitable species of trees and provide seeds or saplings to be planted along or on major thoroughfares, suited to the kind, classification, and condition of the area and shall provide technical support involving tree-planting activities;
- (b) The LGU shall:
- (1) mobilize all local concerned agencies and communities to ensure prompt and effective implementation of this Act in every barangay, municipality, city and province;
- (2) provide for effective measures and ways for the optimum maintenance and

SEC. 7. Functions of Government Agencies and Organizations. –

- a) The DENR shall:
 - 1) Provide technical, scientific, research and legal support involving tree planting activities and its sustainability to determine the suitable species of diverse indigenous and endemic plants, other plants and vegetation, in partnership with the DA;
 - Provide locally sourced seeds or saplings suited for planting along major thoroughfares, and in the forest parks, gardens, open, public and voluntary-included private spaces and other areas;
 - 3) Provide a list of indigenous and endemic plants;

- implementation of this Act in every barangay, municipality, city and province;
- (2) provide for effective measures and ways for the optimum maintenance and sustainability of trees, plants and other forms of vegetation; and
- (3) effect the apprehension and prosecution of all persons, violating Sections 8 and 9 of this Act.
- (c) The DepEd shall integrate all greening activities into the school curriculum to raise awareness and to promote environmental consciousness.
- (d) The DOT shall assist in the conceptualization and site-evaluation and cooperate in the maintenance of parks, gardens and specified areas and provide additional funding from its resources.
- (e) The DILG shall coordinate the local government units to ensure prompt and effective implementation of this Act.

- sustainability of trees and shrubbery;
- (3) effect the apprehension and the prosecution of all persons violating Sections 8 and 9 of this Act;
- (c) The DPWH and the DA shall provide the technical support i.e. the necessary tools, equipment, and manpower to effect the implementation of this Act;
- (d) The DOT shall assist in the conceptualization and site-evaluation and cooperate in the maintenance of parks and specified areas and provide additional funding from its resources;
- (e) The DILG shall coordinate the local government units to ensure prompt and effective implementation of this Act; and
- (f) The DepEd shall integrate the treeplanting activities into the school curriculum to raise awareness and to promote environmental consciousness.

- 4) Assist the LGUs in the determination of the locality's urban greening initiative and identification of suitable areas to be planted with various species of indigenous and endemic plants, consistent with their approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and
- 5) Maintain, nurture and monitor the health of trees and other plants throughout the implementation of this Act, in partnership with the LGUs.
- b) The LGU shall:
 - Determine, establish and maintain suitable areas for the greening program;
 - 2) Ensure that the propagation and planting of indigenous and endemic plant species within the designated or specific sites in every barangay, municipality, city and province shall continue to enhance the aesthetic and ecological values of existing vegetation;

(f) The DPWH shall provide the	3) Mobilize all local concerned
technical support, such as the	agencies and communities to
necessary tools, equipment and	ensure prompt and effective
manpower to effect the	implementation of this Act in
implementation of the Act.	every barangay, municipality,
	city and province, and all public
	and private schools within their
	jurisdiction;
	4) Encourage NGOs, foundations
되는 그 사람들이 가지 않았다.	and other private entities to
	provide financial, physical or
	other kinds of support for the
	implementation of this Act;
	5) Implement programs to maintain
	the growth and development of
	medicinal and healing gardens
	and other types of garden with
	plants of useful and scenic value,
	and provide for effective
	measures and ways to ensure the
	sustainable existence of these
	gardens;
	6) Provide an environmental
	resource accounting of each
	forest tree and other plants to
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	and ecological balance in the
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area;

7) Adopt a minimum standard of a local biodiversity index to evaluate and monitor progress of the greening and biodiversity conservation efforts; and 8) Effect the apprehension and the prosecution of all persons violating the provisions of this Act; c) The DPWH shall provide the tools and equipment necessary to prepare the sites for the planting of trees and indigenous and endemic plants; d) The DA shall provide technical assistance, planting materials that are site specific, tools, equipment and manpower; e) The DOT shall coordinate with the other agencies of the National Committee in the information dissemination and spearhead awareness programs, and integrate the greening programs with the sustainable tourism existing of different initiatives the government agencies and the

		international community;
		f) The DILG shall oversee the greening
		activities of the LGUs and coordinate
		with the other government agencies
		to ensure prompt and effective
		implementation of this Act;
		g) The DepEd shall integrate and enforce the tree planting activities
		into the school curriculum and
		initiate programs to raise awareness and promote environmental
		consciousness and socio-
		environmental responsibility of
		students;
		h) The CHED shall educate and develop capability building activities and
		programs together with the LGUs higher education institutions and
		professional and civic organizations
		and
		i) The professional organizations and
		civic action groups shall provide
		technical inputs before any program policy or regulatory framework are
		finalized by the National Committee.
Sec. 7. Requirements for tree Planting Along National Roads. — All project	하게 그렇다 하장 뒤로 있는데, 그 사람이 되었다고 후 시간 점점 하고 사람이라고 먹니다고 된다면 되었다.	SEC. 8. Tree Planting Along National Roads. – All projects pertaining to tree

concerning the construction and development of national roads shall comply with the following standard requirements:

- (a) Trees that will be planted along the national roads shall be of the varieties with the root systems which grow downward rather than sideward to avoid road and sidewalk slab destruction;
- (b) Trees shall be planted in a neat row, within the road right-of-way (ROW) and as close as possible to the ROW limit, with sufficient allowance so that fully grown trees will not encroach on the adjoining property or touch electric and other overhead utility lines;
- (c) The center-to-center spacing between trees shall be 10-20 meter (m). for road sections with a generally north-south alignment, the trees on one side of the road shall be planted alternately with the trees on the other side, thus ensuring adequate sunlight needed for drying the road;
- (d) For roads without curbs, the trees

consonance with the Department Order No. 15 of the Department of Public Works and Highways issued on the 24th of January 2000, all projects concerning to the construction and development of national roads shall comply with the following standard requirements:

- (a) The trees that will be planted along the national roads shall be of the varieties of the root systems which grow downward rather than sideward to avoid road and sidewalk slabs destruction;
- (b) Trees shall be planted in a neat row, within the road right-of-way (ROW) and as close as possible to the ROW limit, with sufficient allowance so that fully grown trees will not encroach on the adjoining property or touch electric and other overhead utility lines;
- (c) The center-to-center spacing between trees shall be 10-20 meters (m). For road sections with a generally north-south alignment, the trees on one side of the road shall be planted alternately with the trees on the other side, thus ensuring adequate sunlight needed

planting along national roads shall comply with the standard requirements of the DPWH and in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11361, otherwise known as the "Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act," and all other applicable existing laws.

The DPWH shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act and every one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, submit periodic reports to the National Greening Committee.

shall be planted with minimum clear distance of 0.60 meters beyond the edge of the shoulder, but in no case less than 0.30 meters from the edge of the pavement;

- (e) For roads with curbs, particularly in urban areas, the trees shall be planted with a minimum setback of 1.0 meter beyond the face of the curb:
- (f) Where there are longitudinal drainage canals, the trees shall be planted on the outer side of such canals;
- (g) On roadway curves and intersections, the pertinent design standards on sight distance shall be concerned;
- (h) Non-traversable hazard (ravine, waiting shed, and the like) along the line of trees shall be provided with appropriate clearly marked barriers so that these do not pose hazards to motorists; and
- (i) The DPWH, within ninety (90) days after the approval of the Act

for drying the road;

- (d) For roads without curbs, the trees shall be planted with minimum clear distance of 0.60 meters beyond the edge of the shoulder, but in no case less than 0.30 meters from the edge of the pavement;
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and every one hundred eighty		
(180) days thereafter, submit	(i) The Department of Public Works	
periodic reports to the National	and Highways (DPWH) shall,	
Greening Committee.	within ninety (90) days after the	
	approval of the Act and every one	
	hundred eighty (180) days	
	thereafter, submit periodic reports	
	to the National Greening	
	Committee.	
Sec. 8. Greening in Urban and	SECTION 9. Tree Planting in Urban	SEC. 9. Areas for Mandatory Tree
Countryside Parks, Gardens, Public	and Countryside Parks, Public Vacant	Planting. – The planting of indigenous,
Vacant Lots, Pots, Containers and	Lots, and Other Permissible Areas.	endemic, edible, medicinal or ornamental
Other Permissible Areas Planting of	Planting of Trees shall be mandatory in	plants is mandatory in the following areas:
trees, plants and all other kinds of	urban and countryside parks as well as in	a) All public parks and gardens in
vegetation shall be mandatory in urban	school grounds, vacant lots, and other	urban and rural areas;
and countryside parks and gardens as well	unutilized sites identified with the quality	
as in school grounds, vacant lots, pots,	of soil where different or certain species	b) All public and private school
receptacles and other unutilized sites	of trees can thrive. This shall apply to all	grounds in the city and in the
identified with quality of soil where	publicly-owned lands, without exempting	provinces;
different or certain species of trees and	the properties of interested private	
other vegetation can thrive. This shall	individuals or institutions.	c) All idle public lands in urban
apply to all publicly-owned lands without		and rural areas, unless
exempting the properties of interested	(a) Scope. The areas covered by this	otherwise identified for
private individuals and institutions.	provision shall include:	agriculture, infrastructure-
		building, and other similar
(a) Scope. The areas covered by this	(1) All public parks in urban and	purposes;
provision shall include:	rural areas;	
		d) Private parks, schools and other
(1) All public parks and gardens in	(2) All public school grounds in	parcels of land voluntarily
urban and rural areas;	the city and in the provinces;	offered by private individuals, organizations, or institutions;
(2) All public school grounds in	(3) All idle public lands in urban	

the city and in the provinces;

- (3) All idle public lands in urban and rural areas, unless otherwise identified to soon be used for other purposes such as agriculture, infrastructure-building and other public purposes;
- (4) Parks, schools and other pieces of land owned by private individuals, organizations and institutions whose proprietor(s) voluntarily and willingly subject their properties under this Act; and
- (5) All other receptacles, containers, and the like, which interested parties, whether public or private, volunteer to form part of the national greening initiatives under this Act.
- (b) General Guidelines. Planting of trees and all other forms of vegetation in the duly qualified areas shall comply with the following general guidelines:
 - (1) Considering the classification

- and rural areas, unless otherwise identified to soon be used for other purposes such as agriculture, infrastructurebuilding, and other;
- (4) Parks, schools and other pieces of land owned by private individuals, organizations, or institutions whose proprietor/s voluntarily and willingly subject their properties in this Act.
- (b) General Guidelines. Tree Planting in the duty qualified areas shall comply with the following guidelines:
 - (1) Considering the classification and condition of the soil and the total land area of the site, suited species of forest trees or fast-growing trees shall be planted in the identified areas;
 - (2) In cases wherein multiple trees can be planted, the trees should be planted in cluster wherein one is not more than four (4) meters apart form one another;

- e) Gardens, roof spaces, sidewalks, vertical gardens, perimeter fences, pots, other receptacles and the like, which interested parties, whether public or private, volunteer to form part of the areas designated for planting under this Act; and
- f) All non-functional open spaces.

(3) The Regional Greening Committee shall facilitate and supervise all the tree-planting activities in its jurisdiction. The government agencies concerned shall perform their duties and responsibilities as indicated in Section 7, Specific functions of the Executive Department, of this Act;

(4) The Regional Greening Committee shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of the Act and every one hundred eighty (180) days, thereafter submit periodic reports to the National Greening Committee.

and condition of the soil and the total land area of the site, suitable species of trees, plants and other forms of vegetation shall be planted in the identified areas;

(2) In cases where multiple trees or vegetation can be planted in the same should be planted in clusters, wherein one is not more than four (4) meters apart from one another;

(3) The Regional Greening Committee shall facilitate and supervise all the greening activities in its jurisdiction. The government agencies concerned shall perform their duties and responsibilities as indicated in Section 6 of this Act; and

(4) The Regional Greening Committee shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act and every one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, submit periodic reports to the National Greening Committee.

Sec. 9. Issuing of Permits. – The issuance of permit allowing a person or company to cut, uproot or in any way disturb the planted trees and greeneries given by the DENR should also be approved and signed by the Regional Committee following public consultations done by and the consensus of the Regional Committee.	SECTION 10. Issuing of Permits. The Issuance of Permit allowing a person or company to cut, uproot and in any way disturb the planted trees given by the DENR should also be approved and cosigned by the Regional Committee following public consultations done by and the consensus of the Regional Committee.	
		SEC. 10. <i>General Guidelines</i> . – Tree planting in the duly designated areas is covered by the following general guidelines:
		a) Determine the suitability of the species to be planted and the appropriate planting method based on the existing environmental condition after a thorough assessment of the biodiversity in the identified area;
		b) Establish a nursery of indigenous and endemic species to have a stable and constant source of plant species needed and appropriate for specific areas;
		c) Source the seedlings locally for cost efficiency, adaptation to local conditions and risk reduction of altering the natural gene flow of the plant species;

		d) Replant the same species of the initially planted trees or plants that did not survive or thrive to ensure the continuous greening of a specific area; and
		e) Plant the trees in clusters and observe the distance of four (4) meters between the trees in areas where multiple trees may be planted.
		The regional greening committee shall facilitate and supervise all the tree-planting activities in its jurisdiction and shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, and every one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, submit periodic reports to the National Committee.
Sec. 10. Prohibited Acts. – No cutting and destroying of trees, plants and other vegetation shall be permitted, except when the cutting and destroying of the same is necessary for public safety and subject to the issuance of permits.	SECTION 11. Prohibited Acts. No cutting and destroying of trees and plants shall be permitted, except when the cutting and destroying of the same is necessary for public safety, and subject to the issuance of permits.	SEC. 11. Prohibited Acts. – Notwithstanding the provisions of existing laws on the cutting of trees, it shall be unlawful for any person to cut, destroy, uproot, injure or in any way disturb any tree or plant along public roads, in plazas, parks and school premises, and in areas designated by the National Committee without a permit issued by the local environment and natural resources officer, following public consultations and the endorsement by the regional greening

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		If the offender is a corporation or other
		juridical entity, the president, manager, or
		any officer who directly participated in the
		violation of the provision of Section 11 of
		this Act shall be held liable.
		The local environment and natural
		resources officer who unlawfully issued
		the permit to cut, destroy, uproot or in any
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		shall suffer the penalty of dismissal from
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Sec. 13. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of the Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.	SECTION 14. Funding. The fund needed for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from any available appropriation in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year of its implementation; Provided, that funds for this purpose shall also be included in every annual GAA; Provided finally, that there shall be equitable and proportionate appropriations of funds annually for this purpose for all barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces. In addition, adequate portion of financial grants and concessional loans extended to Philippines by foreign governments and multilateral agencies every year, the amount to be determined by the President, shall be allocated to augment the annual appropriations until	SEC. 14. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DENR and other member agencies of the National Committee. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. LGUs shall allocate counterpart funds to be taken from their Internal Revenue Allotment and other LGU income for the greening program within their respective territorial jurisdiction.
	this Act is fully implemented.	
		SEC. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall, in coordination with the heads of the member agencies of the National Committee, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
Sec. 15. Separability Clause. – If any part	SECTION 15. Separability Clause. All	SEC. 16. Separability Clause. – If a

or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.	laws, decrees, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.	provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
Sec. 14. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, rules and regulations and other issuance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.		SEC. 17. Repealing Clause. – Republic Act No. 3571, entitled "An Act to Prohibit the Cutting, Destroying or Injuring of Planted or Growing Trees, Flowering Plants and Shrubs or Plants of Scenic Value Along Public Roads, in Plazas, Parks, School Premises or in Any Other Public Ground" is repealed. All other laws, decrees, rules and regulations, orders, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
Sec. 16. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. Approved,	SECTION 16. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. Approved,	SEC. 18. <i>Effectivity</i> . – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the <i>Official Gazette</i> or in any newspaper of general circulation. Approved,

MATRIX ON GRADUATION LEGACY FOR REFORESTATION ACT

HB Nos. 0978, 1009, 2342, 2498, 4207 and 5864

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SEC. 10. Separability Clause. — Should any provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.	SEC. 10. Separability Clause. — Should any portion or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court the other provisions hereof shall continue to be in full force and effect.	SEC. 10. Separability Clause. — Should any portion or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.	SEC. 10. Separability Clause. Should any portion or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.
Sec. 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations or	Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, ordinance, rules and regulations and other issuances	SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules or	SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations.

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provisions of this Act are	of this Act are hereby	hereby repealed or modified	repealed, amended or modified
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MATRIX ON GRADUATION LEGACY FOR REFORESTATION ACT

HB Nos. 0978, 1009, 2342, 2498, 4207 and 5864

HB No. 2498	HB No. 4207	HB No. 5864	
Authored by:	Authored by:	Authored by:	Substitute Measure
Rep. Dante S. Garcia	Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez	Rep. Joseph Gilbert F. Violago	(Approved on 3 rd Reading in
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SEC. 5. Preference for Indigenous Species. — The species of trees to be planted should be appropriate to the location, climate and topography of the area, with preference for the planting of indigenous species.	Sec. 5. Preference for Indigenous Species. – The species of trees to be planted should be appropriate to the location, climate and topography of the area, with preference for the planting of indigenous species.	SECTION 5. Preference for Indigenous Species. — The species of trees to be planted should be appropriate to the climate, location, and topography of the area, giving preference to planting of indigenous species of plants.	SEC. 5. Preference for Indigenous Species The species of trees to be planted should be appropriate to the location, climate and topography of the area, with preference for the planting of indigenous species
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	SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The	Sec 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations The	SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations The	SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The DepEd,
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	SEC. 9. Appropriations. — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budgets of the implementing departments and agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act.	Sec. 9. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budgets of the implementing departments and agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act.	SECTION 9. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budgets of the implementing departments and agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act.	SEC. 9. Appropriations The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budgets of the implementing departments and agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.	Sec 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.	SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.	SEC. 11. Repealing Clause All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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MATRIX ON FAMILY TREE PLANTING ACT

(HB Nos. 582, 986, 2499, 2580, 4813)

HB 582	HB 986	HB 2499	
Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas	Rep. Mark O. Go	Rep. Dante S. Garcia	Draft Substitute Measure
			(Approved on 3 rd Reading in the 18 th Congress)
AN ACT	AN ACT	AN ACT	AN ACT
REQUIRING PARENTS TO	REQUIRING FAMILIES TO	REQUIRING PARENTS TO	REQUIRING PARENTS TO
PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR			
EVERY CHILD BORN TO			
THEM	THEM AND APPROPRIATING	THEM AND APPROPRIATING	THEM AND APPROPRIATING
	FUNDS THEREFOR	FUNDS THEREFOR	FUNDS THEREFOR
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MATRIX ON FAMILY TREE PLANTING ACT MEASURES (HB Nos. 582, 986, 2499, 2580, 4813)

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		(Approved on 3 rd Reading in the 18 th
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MATRIX ON AMENDMENT TO ARBOR DAY ACT OF 2012

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Authored by: Rep. Dante S. Garcia

DRAFT SUBSTITUTE MEASURE

(Approved on 3rd Reading in the 18th Congress)

AN ACT

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