

What is a performance security?

Performance securities are deposits that guarantee landscaping and offsite work are completed as approved under a permit, to the city's satisfaction and for the community's benefit.

When is a performance security required?

Performance securities are required for a variety of work including:

- **Landscaping** such as on-site ornamental landscaping and irrigation
- **Environmental Protection** such as natural area restoration
- **Off-site works** such as trails dedicated to the community, boulevard landscaping, road works, etc.

What is included in a performance security?

Performance security calculations include all installation costs – purchasing, transport, and labour for plants, fencing, bike racks, and any other items identified as landscape work in the permit.

These securities also include initial maintenance costs and the necessary irrigation and weeding required to help plants establish for two growing seasons. An Environmental Protection security may be held for three to five growing seasons to cover the longer period of establishment needed for natural areas.

What is an acceptable performance security?

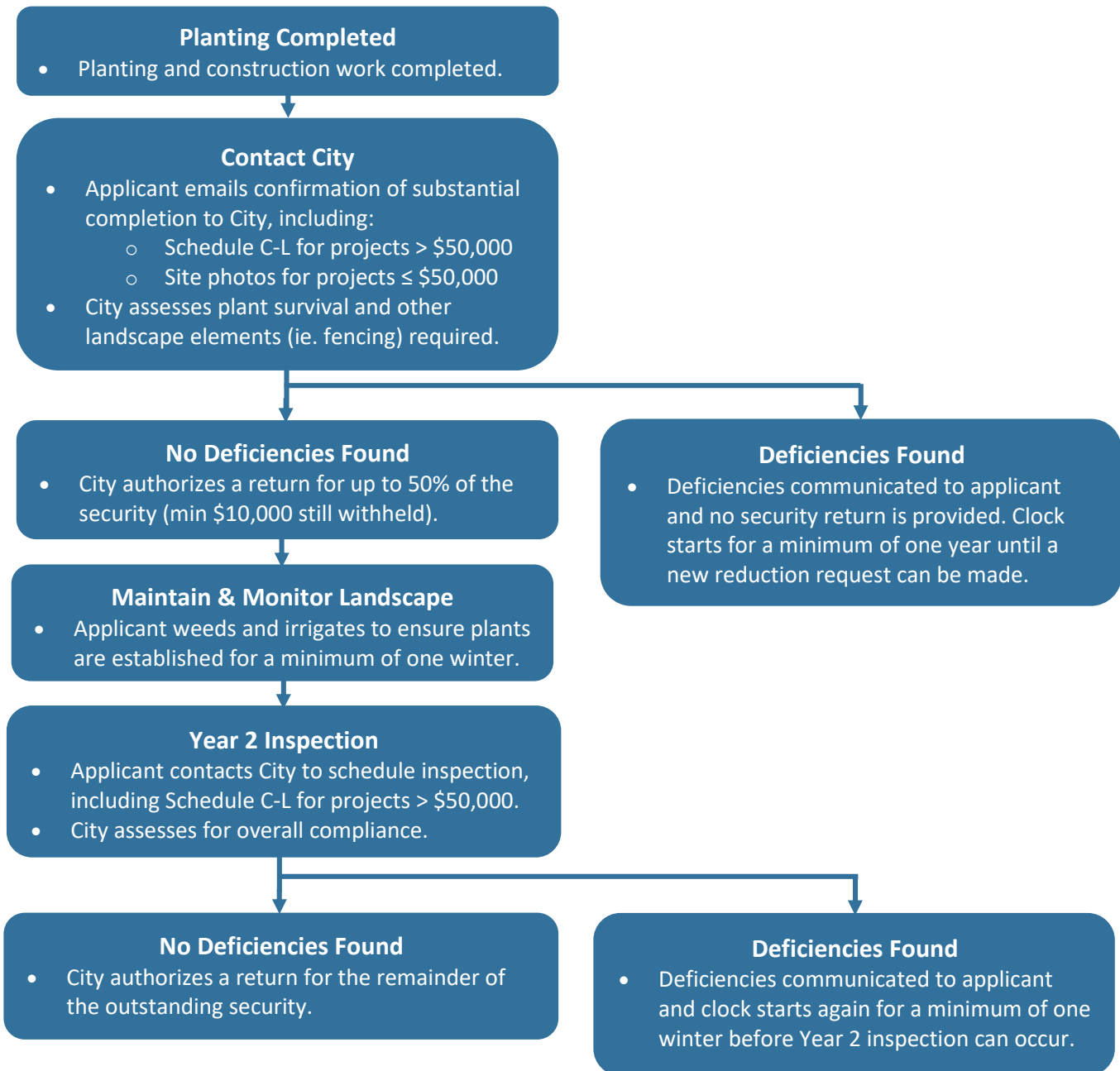
A security is calculated as 125% of the estimated cost to complete the landscape work or a minimum of \$10,000, whichever is greater. This amount can be provided to the city as a certified cheque or irrevocable letter of credit addressed to the City of Vernon.

When is a Landscape Architect required?

If the estimated work exceeds \$50,000, a Landscape Schedule of Insurance (Schedule C-L from the **BC Society of Landscape Architects**) is required. This document is completed by the project's Landscape Architect to certify that the work on-site aligns with their approved construction drawings.

Note: Project Landscape Architects must be retained for the duration of the construction period to ensure landscaping is properly installed. They complete onsite inspections at various stages of landscape installation to ensure tree spacing, proper irrigation installation, and that landscaping provided adheres to the approved landscaping plan.

What does the security return process look like?



Where can I learn more?

For more information, please contact Planning Department staff at 250-550-3634 or planning@vernon.ca. Staff are also available at the Community Services Building (3001 32nd Ave) during regular business hours.

