

Stormwater Management Rule Amendments

On March 2, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection adopted amendments to the Stormwater Management Rules, NJAC 7:8. The current rules are in effect until March 1, 2021. **Municipalities are required to comply with these new standards, effective March 2, 2021.** Due to the review, various community input and simply the timing necessary to adopt the ordinance revision, discussions to implement these changes should be happening now.

Generally, the changes to the rule include additions to the definition of Major Development, requirements for Green Infrastructure, the introduction of Motor Vehicle surface, requirements for Mounding Analysis, Deed Notice requirements, and requirements for Combined Sewer Systems. These changes can be further identified as follows:

Major Development – This definition will need to be amended for projects that result in the creation of one-quarter acre or more of regulated motor vehicle surface; or the creation of one-quarter acre or more of regulated impervious surface and regulated motor vehicle surface combined.

Green Infrastructure – Green Infrastructure BMPs are no longer a good faith effort. They are now required to satisfy recharge, quantity and quality standards.

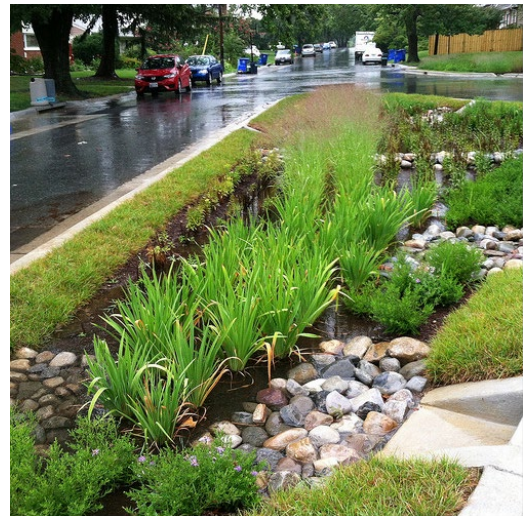
Motor Vehicle Surface – Water quality standards will now apply to a Motor Vehicle Surface rather than simply to an impervious surface. Features such as roofs and sidewalks do not require treatment.

Water Quantity, Quality, and Groundwater Recharge – These standards are to be met in each drainage area on-site, unless they converge before leaving the property.

Mounding Analysis – Mounding Analysis requirements from the recharge standard now apply to all infiltration BMPs.

Deed Notices – Deed notice for all BMPs and maintenance access is required to be recorded and submitted to NJDEP.

Combined Sewer Systems – Clarifies water quality treatment is required prior to discharge to CSO; clarifies water quantity control is required in tidal areas; and creates an option for multiple properties to use a common basin.



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