MS4 Permit

Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment By Yolianne Maclay, PE Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment (Part 2.4.6)

- Permittees shall develop, implement and enforce a program, to the extent allowable under Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and local law, to control stormwater discharges from new development and redeveloped sites that discharge into the small MS4 that disturb one acre or more.
- The program requires to include projects of less than 1 acre if they are part of a larger or common development of one or more acres.



MS4 Permit Requirements

- Ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address postconstruction runoff.
- Owners or operators of new development and redeveloped sites design, install, implement, and maintain a combination of structural and non-structural BMPs appropriate for the community and to protect water quality.



Integrating Green Infrastructure: Infiltrate, evapotranspire and harvest and use stormwater



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Permeable pavement and bioretention in Albuquerque, NM Photo courtesy of AridLID.org



Bioretention Cell in El Monte, CA Photo Credit: Bill DePoto



Structural BMPs

Non-Structural BMPs

• Planning Procedures.

- Local and comprehensive plans
- Zoning ordinances

• Site-Based BMPs.

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- Buffer strip and riparian zone preservation
- Minimization of disturbance and imperviousness
- Maximization of open space



MS4 Permit Requirements

- The program shall include procedures to ensure that any stormwater controls or management practices for new development and redevelopment will prevent or minimize impacts to water quality.
- These procedures may include requirements to:
 - avoid disturbance of areas susceptible to erosion and sediment loss;
 - preserve areas in the municipality that provide important water quality benefits;
 - implement measures for flood control; and
 - protect the integrity of natural resources.



MS4 Permit Requirements

- Long-term operation and maintenance of structural stormwater control measures.
- Inspection Program



Guidance Documents

Green Infrastructure Modeling Toolkit

https://www.epa.gov/water-research/green-infrastructure-modeling-toolkit

Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Sources

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-municipal-sources

National Menu of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Stormwater

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/national-menu-best-management-practices-bmpsstormwater#post

Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Sources-Developing an MS4 Program

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-municipal-sourcesdeveloping-ms4-program#postconstruction



Thank You!

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