

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE; THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE, PROPERTY, AND WATER QUALITY BY IMPLEMENTING DRAINAGE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, CRITERIA, AND PROVISIONS INCLUDED HEREIN FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND EARTH DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES.**

**RUTLEDGE BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA**

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## ARTICLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Section 101. Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Rutledge Borough Amended and Restated Stormwater Management Ordinance."

### Section 102. Statement of Findings

The governing body of the Municipality finds that:

- A. Inadequate management of accelerated stormwater runoff resulting from development throughout a watershed increases flood flows and velocities, contributes to erosion and sedimentation, overtaxes the carrying capacity of existing streams and storm sewers, greatly increases the cost of public facilities to convey and manage stormwater, undermines floodplain management and flood reduction efforts in upstream and downstream communities, reduces infiltration, and threatens public health and safety.
- B. Inadequate planning and management of stormwater runoff resulting from land development throughout a watershed can also harm surface water resources by changing the natural hydrologic patterns, accelerating stream flows (which increase scour and erosion of stream beds and stream banks, thereby elevating sedimentation), destroying aquatic habitat, and elevating aquatic pollutant concentrations and loadings such as sediments, nutrients, heavy metals, and pathogens. Groundwater resources are also impacted through loss of recharge.
- C. A comprehensive program of stormwater management, including minimization of impacts of development, redevelopment, and activities causing accelerated erosion and loss of natural infiltration, is fundamental to the public health, safety, welfare, and the protection of the people of the Municipality and all of the people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.
- D. Stormwater can be an important water resource by providing infiltration for water supplies and base flow of streams, which also protects and maintains surface water quality.
- E. Impacts from stormwater runoff can be minimized by using project designs that maintain the natural hydrologic regime and sustain high water quality, infiltration, stream baseflow, and aquatic ecosystems. The most cost-effective and environmentally advantageous way to manage stormwater runoff is through nonstructural project design that minimizes impervious surfaces and sprawl, avoids sensitive areas (i.e., stream buffers, floodplains, steep slopes), and considers topography and soils to maintain the natural hydrologic regime.
- F. Public education on the control of pollution from stormwater is an essential component in successfully addressing stormwater.

- K. Meet legal water quality requirements under state law, including regulations at 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 93.4~~a~~ to protect, maintain, reclaim, and restore the existing and designated uses of the Waters of the Commonwealth.
- L. Address the quality and quantity of stormwater discharges from the development site.
- M. Provide standards to meet certain NPDES MS4 permit requirements.
- N. Implement an illicit discharge detection and elimination program that addresses non-stormwater discharges into the Municipality's separate storm sewer system (MS4).
- O. Preserve the flood-carrying capacity of streams.
- P. Prevent accelerated scour, erosion and sedimentation of stream channels.
- Q. Provide performance standards and design criteria based on watershed-wide stormwater management planning.
- R. Provide proper operation and maintenance of all permanent stormwater management facilities and BMPs that are implemented within the Municipality.
- S. Implement the requirements of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) where applicable to waters within or impacted by the Municipality.

#### **Section 104. Statutory Authority**

The Municipality is empowered or required to regulate land use activities that affect runoff and surface and groundwater quality and quantity by the authority of:

- A. Act of October 4, 1978, 32 P.S., P.L. 864 (Act 167) Section 680.1 et seq., as amended, the "Storm Water Management Act" (hereinafter referred to as "the Act");
- B. Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A Section 101 et seq.;
- C. Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended.

#### **Section 105. Applicability/Regulated Activities**

All regulated activities and all activities that may affect stormwater runoff, located within the municipality, are subject to regulation by this Ordinance.

This Ordinance contains the stormwater management performance standards and design criteria that are necessary from a watershed-wide perspective. Local stormwater management design criteria (e.g., inlet spacing, inlet type, collection system design and details, outlet structure design, etc.) shall continue to be regulated by the applicable municipal ordinances and applicable state regulations. Local storm sewer design criteria (e.g., inlet spacing, inlet type, collection

**TABLE 106.1  
Ordinance Exemptions**

| Ordinance Article or Section  | Type of Project  | Regulated Impervious Surface |                                   |                | Earth Disturbance           |                          |            |
|---|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
|   |  | 0-499 sq. ft.                | 500-999 sq. ft.                   | 1,000+ sq. ft. | 0-4,999 sq. ft. disturbance | 5,000 sq. ft. - < 1 acre | ≥ 1 acre   |
| <b>Article IV</b><br>SWM Site Plan Requirements                             | Development<br>Redevelopment   | Exempt                       | Not Exempt<br>Simplified Approach | Not Exempt     | Exempt                      | Modified <sup>1</sup>    | Not Exempt |
| <b>Section 304</b><br>Nonstructural Project Design                          | Development<br>Redevelopment   | Exempt                       | Not Exempt<br>Simplified Approach | Not Exempt     | Exempt                      | Not Exempt               | Not Exempt |
| <b>Section 305</b><br>Infiltration Volume Requirements                      | Development<br>Redevelopment   | Exempt                       | Not Exempt<br>Simplified Approach | Not Exempt     | Exempt                      | Exempt                   | Not Exempt |
| <b>Section 306</b><br>Water Quality Requirements                            | Development<br>Redevelopment   | Exempt                       | Not Exempt<br>Simplified Approach | Not Exempt     | Modified <sup>2</sup>       | Modified <sup>3</sup>    | Not Exempt |
| <b>Section 307</b><br>Stream Bank Erosion Requirements                      | Development<br>Redevelopment   | Exempt                       | Not Exempt<br>Simplified Approach | Not Exempt     | Exempt                      | Exempt                   | Not Exempt |
| <b>Section 308</b><br>Stormwater Peak Rate Control and Management Districts | Development<br>Redevelopment   | Exempt                       | Exempt                            | Not Exempt     | Exempt                      | Not Exempt               | Not Exempt |
| Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Requirements                         | Must comply with Title 25, Chapter 102 of the PA Code and other applicable state and municipal codes, including the Clean Streams Law. |                              |                                   |                |                             |                          | Not Exempt |

**Legend:**

- **"Regulated Impervious Surface" in Table 106.1 includes new, additional, or replacement impervious surface/cover as part of development or redevelopment.**
- **Exempt** - Exempt from required section provision only – SWM site plan submission may still be required if other section provisions are applicable.
- **Modified<sup>1</sup>** - Modified SWM site plan need only consist of items in Sections 402.A.2 and 4; 402B.7, 8, 11, and 22; and 402.D.1 and 3 and related supportive material needed to determine compliance with Sections 304 and 308. Modified SWM site plan is required that includes all elements of Section 304, as applicable.
- **Modified<sup>2</sup>** - Modified SWM site plan need only consist of items and related material needed to determine compliance with Section 311.
- **Simplified Approach** – **Must comply with provisions of Appendix B of the Ordinance.**
- **Redevelopment** – See Section 308.1 for alternate stormwater peak rate control criteria.

**A. Exemptions for Specific Activities**

1. Use of land for gardening or home consumption.
2. Agriculture when operated in accordance with a conservation plan, nutrient management plan, or erosion and sedimentation control plan approved by the County Conservation District, including activities such as growing crops, rotating crops, tilling soil, and grazing animals. For agriculture with an approved conservation plan, installation of new or expansion of existing farmsteads, animal housing, waste storage, and production areas having impervious surfaces that result in a net increase

### **Section 108. Severability**

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

### **Section 109. Compatibility with Other Ordinances or Legal Requirements**

- A. Approvals issued pursuant to this Ordinance do not relieve the Applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance.
- B. To the extent that this Ordinance imposes more rigorous or stringent requirements for stormwater management, the specific requirements contained in this Ordinance shall be followed.
- C. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any of the Municipality's requirements regarding stormwater matters that do not conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, such as local stormwater management design criteria (e.g., inlet spacing, inlet type, collection system design and details, outlet structure design, etc.). Conflicting provisions in other municipal ordinances or regulations shall be construed to retain. The requirements of this Ordinance shall supersede any conflicting requirements in other municipal ordinance or regulations.

### **Section 110. Erroneous Permit**

Any permit or authorization issued or approved based on false, misleading, or erroneous information provided by an Applicant is void without the necessity of any proceedings for revocation. Any work undertaken or use established pursuant to such permit or other authorization is unlawful. No action may be taken by a board, or employee of the Municipality purporting to validate such a violation.

### **Section 111. Waivers**

- A. If the Municipality determines that any requirement under this Ordinance cannot be achieved for a particular regulated activity, the Municipality may, after an evaluation of alternatives, approve measures other than those in this Ordinance, subject to Sections 111.B and 111.C.
- B. Waivers or modifications of the requirements of this Ordinance may be approved by the Municipality if enforcement will exact undue hardship because of peculiar conditions pertaining to the land in question, provided that the modifications will not be contrary to the public interest and that the purpose of the Ordinance is preserved. Cost or financial burden shall not be considered a hardship. Modification may be considered if an alternative standard or approach will provide equal or better achievement of the purpose of the Ordinance. A request for modifications shall be in writing and accompany the Stormwater Management Site Plan submission. The request shall provide the facts on which the request is based, the provision(s) of the Ordinance involved and the proposed modification.

## ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

### Section 201. Interpretation

For the purposes of this Ordinance, certain terms and words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

- A. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular; words of masculine gender include feminine gender; and words of feminine gender include masculine gender.
- B. The word “includes” or “including” shall not limit the term to the specific example, but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances of like kind and character.
- C. The word “person” includes an individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, unit of government, or any other similar entity.
- D. The words “shall” and “must” are mandatory; the words “may” and “should” are permissive.
- E. The words “used” or “occupied” include the words “intended, designed, maintained, or arranged to be used, occupied, or maintained.”

### Section 202. Definitions

**Accelerated Erosion** – The removal of the surface of the land through the combined action of man’s activity and the natural processes of a rate greater than would occur because of the natural processes alone.

**Agricultural Activities** – The work of producing crops and raising livestock including tillage, plowing, disking, harrowing, pasturing, nursery and sod operations, excluding greenhouse structures, and installation of conservation measures. Construction of new buildings or impervious areas is not considered an agricultural activity.

**Alteration** – As applied to land, a change in topography as a result of the moving of soil and rock from one location or position to another; also the changing of surface conditions by causing the surface to be more or less impervious; land disturbance.

**Applicant** – A landowner or other person who has filed an application to the Municipality for approval to engage in any regulated activity defined in Section 105 of this Ordinance.

**As-built Drawings** – Engineering or site drawings maintained by the contractor as he constructs the project and upon which he documents the actual locations of the building components and changes to the original contract documents. These documents, or a copy of the same, are turned over to the municipal Engineer at the completion of the project.



channels, and swales (vegetated and other), gutters, stream channels, and like facilities or features.

**Culvert** – A structure with its appurtenant works, which carries water under or through an embankment or fill.

**Dam** – A man-made barrier, together with its appurtenant works constructed for the purpose of impounding or storing water or another fluid or semi-fluid. A dam may include a refuse bank, fill, or structure for highway, railroad, or other purposes which impounds or may impound water or another fluid or semi-fluid.

**Department** – The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Also referred to as "DEP", "PA DEP", or "PADEP."

**Designee** – The agent of the Delaware County Planning Department, Delaware County Conservation District, and/or agent of the Governing Body involved with the administration, review, or enforcement of any provisions of this Ordinance by contract or memorandum of understanding.

**Design Professional (Qualified)** – A Pennsylvania Registered Professional Engineer, Registered Landscape Architect, Registered Professional Land Surveyor trained to develop SWM site plan, or any person licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of State or qualified by law to perform the work required by the Ordinance.

**Design Storm** – The magnitude and temporal distribution of precipitation from a storm event measured in probability of occurrence (e.g., a 5-year storm) and duration (e.g., twenty-four (24) hours), used in the design and evaluation of stormwater management systems.

**Detention or To Detain** – The prevention of, or to prevent, the discharge, directly or indirectly, of a given volume of stormwater runoff into surface waters by temporary storage.

**Detention Basin** – An impoundment designed to collect and retard stormwater runoff by temporarily storing the runoff and releasing it at a predetermined rate. Detention basins are designed to drain completely soon after a rainfall event and become dry until the next rainfall event.

**Developer** – A person, or company, or organization who seeks to undertake any regulated earth disturbance activities at a project site in the Municipality.

**Development, Land** – Any human-induced change to improved or unimproved real estate, whether public or private, including, but not limited to, land development, construction, installation, or expansion of a building or other structure, land division, street construction, drilling, and site alteration such as embankments, dredging, grubbing, grading, paving, parking or storage facilities, excavation, filling, stockpiling, or clearing. As used in this Ordinance, development encompasses both new development and redevelopment.



**Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control Plan** – A plan that is designed to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation. Said plan must be submitted to and approved by the appropriate Conservation District before construction can begin.

**Evapotranspiration (ET)** – The combined processes of evaporation from the water or soil surface and transpiration of water by plants.

**Exceptional Value (EV) Waters** – Surface waters of high quality which satisfy Pennsylvania Code Title 25 Environmental Protection, Chapter 93, Water Quality Standards, §93.4b(b) (relating to anti-degradation).

**Existing Conditions** – The initial condition of a project site prior to the proposed alteration. If the initial condition of the site is undeveloped land, the land use shall be considered as “meadow” unless the natural land cover is proven to generate a lower curve number or Rational “c” value, such as forested lands.

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Financial Hardship** – A situation where the greatest possible profit cannot be fully realized from development/redevelopment on a given parcel of land due to added costs or burdens associated with the design, construction, and/or maintenance of stormwater structures, facilities, buffers and/or setbacks.

**Flood** – A temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of land areas from the overflow of streams, rivers, and other waters of this Commonwealth.

**Floodplain** – Any land area susceptible to inundation by water from any natural source or as delineated by the applicable Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps and studies as being a Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Floodway** – The channel of a watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplains which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the 100-year frequency flood (also called the base flood or one percent (1%) annual chance flood). Unless otherwise specified, the boundary of the floodway is as indicated on maps and flood insurance studies provided by FEMA. In an area where no FEMA maps or studies have defined the boundary of the 100-year frequency floodway, it is assumed, absent evidence to the contrary, that the floodway extends from the stream to fifty (50) feet from the top-of-bank.

**Fluvial Geomorphology** – The study of landforms associated with river channels and the processes that form them.

**Forest Management/Timber Operations** – Planning and associated activities necessary for the management of forest lands. These include timber inventory and preparation of forest

**Hotspots** – Areas where land use or activities generate highly contaminated runoff with concentrations of pollutants in excess of those typically found in stormwater.

**Hydrograph** – A graph representing the discharge of water versus time for a selected point in the drainage system.

**Hydrologic Regime** – The hydrologic cycle or balance that sustains quality and quantity of stormwater, baseflow, storage, and groundwater supplies under natural conditions.

**Hydrologic Soil Group** – A classification of soils by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), into four runoff potential groups. The groups range from A soils, which are very permeable and produce little runoff, to D soils, which are not very permeable and produce much more runoff.

**Impervious Surface** – A surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces shall include, but are not limited to, streets, sidewalks, pavements, additional indoor living spaces, patios, decks, swimming pools, garages, storage sheds, and similar structures, driveway areas, or roofs, tennis or other paved courts. For the purposes of determining compliance with this Ordinance, compacted soils or stone surfaces used for vehicle parking and movement shall be considered impervious; and pathways six feet or less in width that employ grass pavers, gravel and/or stone or porous paving and which are not intended for automobile use shall be considered pervious. Uncompacted gravel areas with no vehicular traffic shall be considered pervious per review by the Municipal Engineer. Surfaces that were designed to allow infiltration (i.e. pavers and areas of porous pavement) are not to be considered impervious surfaces if designed to function as a BMP per review by the Municipal Engineer. Additionally, for the purposes of determining compliance with this Ordinance, the total horizontal projection area of all ground-mounted and free-standing solar collectors, including solar photovoltaic cells, panels, and arrays, shall be considered pervious so long as the Municipal Engineer determines that the area underneath the solar photovoltaic cells, panels, and arrays is maintained as a vegetated pervious surface.

**Impoundment** – A retention or detention basin designed to retain stormwater runoff and release it at a controlled rate.

**Infill** – Development that occurs on smaller parcels that remain undeveloped but are within or in very close proximity to urban or densely developed areas. Infill development usually relies on existing infrastructure and does not require an extension of water, sewer, or other public utilities.

**Infiltration** – Movement of surface water into the soil, where it is absorbed by plant roots, evaporated into the atmosphere, or percolated downward to recharge groundwater.

**Infiltration Structures** – A structure designed to direct runoff into the underground water (e.g., French drains, seepage pits, or seepage trenches).

**Inflow** – The flow entering the stormwater management facility and/or BMP.

**Main Stem (Main Channel)** – Any stream segment or other runoff conveyance used as a reach in watershed-specific hydrologic models.

**Managed Release Concept (MRC)** - A post-construction stormwater management (PCSM) strategy that comprises the collection, management, and filtration of captured runoff from the contributing drainage area through a best management practice (BMP) that is preferably vegetated and includes release of a portion of the captured runoff through an underdrain within the BMP. If the MRC BMP is not vegetated, then pretreatment is required to meet water quality requirements. MRC is intended to be used for project areas or subareas where infiltration is considered infeasible to meet regulatory requirements. Refer to the "Managed Release Concept" Version 1.2 (August 25, 2020) guidance document or latest guidance from PA DEP.

**Manning Equation (Manning Formula)** – A method for calculation of velocity of flow (e.g., feet per second) and flow rate (e.g., cubic feet per second) in open channels based upon channel shape, roughness, depth of flow, and slope. "Open channels" may include closed conduits so long as the flow is not under pressure.

**Maximum Design Storm** – The maximum (largest) design storm that is controlled by the stormwater facility.

**Municipal Engineer** – A professional engineer licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, duly appointed as the Engineer for a Municipality, planning agency, or joint planning commission.

**Municipality** – Rutledge Borough, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

**Natural Condition** – Pre-development condition.

**Natural Hydrologic Regime** – See Hydrologic Regime.

**Natural Recharge Area** – Undisturbed surface area or depression where stormwater collects and a portion of which infiltrates and replenishes the underground and groundwater.

**Nonpoint Source Pollution** – Pollution that enters a waterbody from diffuse origins in the watershed and does not result from discernible, confined, or discrete conveyances.

**Nonstormwater Discharges** – Water flowing in stormwater collection facilities, such as pipes or swales, which is not the result of a rainfall event or snowmelt.

**Non Structural Best Management Practice (BMPs)** – Methods of controlling stormwater runoff quantity and quality, such as innovative site planning, impervious area and grading reduction, protection of natural depression areas, temporary ponding on site, and other techniques.

**NPDES** – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the federal government's system for issuance of permits under the Clean Water Act, which is delegated to PADEP in Pennsylvania.

**Pre-construction** – Prior to commencing construction activities.

**Pre-development Condition** – Undeveloped/natural condition.

**Pretreatment** – Techniques employed in stormwater BMPs to provide storage or filtering to trap coarse materials and other pollutants before they enter the system, but not necessarily designed to meet the water quality volume requirements of Section 306.

**Project Site** – The specific area of land where any regulated activities in the Municipality are planned, conducted, or maintained.

**Qualified Professional** – See Design Professional (Qualified).

**Rational Formula** – A rainfall-runoff relation used to estimate peak flow.

**Reach** – Any stream segment or other runoff conveyance used in the watershed-specific hydrologic models.

**Recharge** – The replenishment of groundwater through the infiltration of rainfall, other surface waters, or land application of water or treated wastewater.

**Reconstruction** – Demolition and subsequent rebuilding of impervious surfaces.

**Record Drawings** – Original documents revised to suit the as-built conditions and subsequently provided by the Engineer to the client. The Engineer reviews the contractor's as-builts against his/her own records for completeness, then either turns these over to the client or transfers the information to a set of reproducible, in both cases for the client's permanent records.

**Redevelopment** – Any development that requires demolition or removal of existing structures or impervious surfaces at a site and replacement with new impervious surfaces. Maintenance activities such as top-layer grinding and re-paving are not considered to be redevelopment. Interior remodeling projects and tenant improvements are also not considered to be redevelopment.

**Regulated Activities** – Any earth disturbances activities or any activities that involve the alteration or development of land in a manner that may affect stormwater runoff, including redevelopment.

**Regulated Earth Disturbance Activity** – Activity involving earth disturbance subject to regulation under 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapters 92, Chapter 102, or the Clean Streams Law.

**Regulated Impervious Surface** – Proposed impervious surface as part of a current proposed activity and all existing impervious surfaces installed after March 16, 2005 as part of a previous activity.

**Sediment** – Soil or other materials transported by surface water as a product of erosion.

**Sediment Basin** – A barrier, dam, or retention or detention basin located and designed in such a way as to retain rock, sand, gravel, silt, or other material transported by water during construction.

**Sediment Pollution** – The placement, discharge, or any other introduction of sediment into the waters of the Commonwealth.

**Sedimentation** – The process by which mineral or organic matter is accumulated or deposited by the movement of water or air.

**Seepage Pit/Seepage Trench** – An area of excavated earth filled with loose stone or similar coarse material into which surface water is directed for infiltration into the underground water.

**Separate Storm Sewer System** – A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) primarily used for collecting and conveying stormwater runoff.

**Shallow Concentrated Flow** – Stormwater runoff flowing in shallow, defined ruts prior to entering a defined channel or waterway.

**Sheet Flow** – A flow process associated with broad, shallow water movement on sloping ground surfaces that is not channelized or concentrated.

**Soil Cover Complex Method** – A method of runoff computation developed by NRCS that is based on relating soil type and land use/cover to a runoff parameter called curve number (CN).

**Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA)** – The zone through which contaminants, if present, are likely to migrate and reach a drinking water well or surface water intake.

**Special Protection Subwatersheds** – Watersheds that have been designated by PADEP as EV or HQ waters.

**Spillway** – A conveyance that is used to pass the peak discharge of the maximum design storm that is controlled by the stormwater facility.

**State Water Quality Requirements** – The regulatory requirements to protect, maintain, reclaim, and restore water quality under Pennsylvania Code Title 25 and the Clean Streams Law.

**Storage Indication Method** – A reservoir routing procedure based on solution of the continuity equation (inflow minus outflow equals the change in storage) with outflow defined as a function of storage volume and depth.

heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership, or building or lot development; provided, however, that the subdivision by lease of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than ten (10) acres not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling shall be exempted.

**Surface Waters of the Commonwealth** – Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, ditches, watercourses, storm sewers, lakes, dammed water, wetlands, ponds, springs, and all other bodies or channels of conveyance of surface waters, or parts thereof, whether natural or artificial, within or on the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

**Swale** – A low-lying stretch of land that gathers or carries surface water runoff.

**SWM Site Plan** – See Stormwater Management Site Plan.

**Timber Operations** – See Forest Management.

**Time-of-concentration (Tc)** – The time required for surface runoff to travel from the hydraulically most distant point of the watershed to a point of interest within the watershed. This time is the combined total of overland flow time and flow time in pipes or channels, if any.

**Top-of-bank** – Highest point of elevation in a stream channel cross-section at which a rising water level just begins to flow out of the channel and over the floodplain.

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture.

**Undeveloped Condition** – Natural condition (see also Pre-development Condition).

**Vernal Pond** – Seasonal depressional wetlands that are covered by shallow water for variable periods from winter to spring but may be completely dry for most of the summer and fall.

**Watercourse** – A channel or conveyance of surface water having a defined bed and banks, whether natural or artificial, with perennial or intermittent flow.

**Waters of the Commonwealth** – Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, rivulets, impoundments, ditches, watercourses, storm sewers, lakes, dammed water, wetlands, ponds, springs, and all other bodies or channels of conveyance of surface and underground water, or parts thereof, whether natural or artificial, within or on the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

**Watershed** – Region or area drained by a river, watercourse, or other body of water, whether natural or artificial.

**Watershed Stormwater Management Plan** – A watershed plan for managing stormwater runoff for a watershed, adopted by Delaware and Chester Counties as required by the Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864 (Act 167), as amended, and known as the "Storm Water Management Act" (e.g., Chester Creek, Ridley Creek, Crum Creek, Darby-Cobbs Creeks). See also Stormwater Management Plan.



## ARTICLE III – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### Section 301. General Requirements

- A. Applicants proposing regulated activities in the Municipality which do not fall under the exemption criteria shown in Section 106 shall submit a stormwater management site plan consistent with this Ordinance and the applicable watershed stormwater management plan to the Municipality for review. The stormwater management criteria of this Ordinance shall apply to the total proposed development even if development is to take place in stages.
- B. No regulated activity within the Municipality shall commence until the Municipality issues approval of a SWM plan, which demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.
- C. The Applicant is required to design the site to minimize surface discharge of stormwater and the creation of impervious surfaces in order to maintain, as much as possible, the natural hydrologic regime.
- D. The SWM site plan must be designed consistent with the sequencing provisions of Section 304 to ensure maintenance of the natural hydrologic regime, to promote infiltration, and to protect groundwater and surface water quality and quantity. The SWM site plan designer must proceed sequentially in accordance with Article III of this Ordinance.
- E. Stormwater drainage systems shall be designed in order to preserve natural flow conditions to the maximum extent practicable.
- F. Alteration of existing drainage discharge onto adjacent property shall only be proposed in accordance with PADEP guidance document "Chapter 102 Off-Site Discharges of Stormwater to Non-Surface Waters – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)" dated January 2, 2019, or latest guidance document from PADEP. Such discharge shall be subject to any applicable discharge criteria specified in this Ordinance and **still must meet the requirements of Act 167.**
- G. Areas of existing diffused drainage discharge, whether proposed to be concentrated or maintained as diffused drainage areas, shall be subject to any applicable discharge criteria in the general direction of existing discharge, except as otherwise provided by this Ordinance. If diffused drainage discharge is proposed to be concentrated and discharged onto adjacent property, the Applicant must document that adequate downstream conveyance facilities exist to safely transport the concentrated discharge or otherwise prove that no erosion, sedimentation, flooding, or other impacts will result from the concentrated discharge.
- H. Where a development site is traversed by a stream, drainage easements to convey the 100-year storm event shall be provided on either side of, and conform to the line of such streams.
- I. Minimization of impervious surfaces and infiltration of runoff through seepage beds, infiltration trenches, etc., is encouraged where soil conditions permit in order to reduce the size or eliminate the need for detention facilities or other structural BMPs.



12. The nature of the pollutant being removed.
13. Maintenance requirements.
14. Creation/protection of aquatic and wildlife habitat.
15. Recreational value.
16. Enhancement of aesthetic and property values.

- R. The design of all stormwater management facilities shall incorporate sound engineering principles and practices in a manner that does not aggravate existing stormwater problems. The Municipality reserves the right to disapprove any design that would result in construction in or continuation of a stormwater problem area.
- S. The applicant may meet the stormwater management criteria through off-site stormwater management measures as long as the proposed measures are in the same subwatershed as shown in Ordinance Appendix A.
- T. Stormwater Hotspots – Stormwater runoff from hotspots shall be pretreated prior to surface or groundwater infiltration to prevent pollutant runoff. Industrial sites referenced in 40 CFR 125 are examples of hotspots.

Below is a list of examples of hotspots:

- Vehicle salvage yards and recycling facilities
- Vehicle fueling stations
- Vehicle service and maintenance facilities
- Vehicle and equipment cleaning facilities
- Fleet storage areas (bus, truck, etc.)
- Industrial sites based on Standard Industrial Classification Codes
- Marinas (service and maintenance areas)
- Outdoor liquid container storage
- Outdoor loading/unloading facilities
- Public works storage areas
- Facilities that generate or store hazardous materials
- Commercial container nursery
- Contaminated sites/brownfields
- Other land uses and activities as designated by an appropriate review authority

The following land uses and activities are not normally considered hotspots:

- Residential streets and rural highways
- Residential development
- Institutional development
- Office developments
- Nonindustrial rooftops
- Pervious areas, except golf courses and nurseries (which may need an integrated pest management (IPM) plan)

### **Section 302. Permit Requirements by Other Governmental Entities**

The following permit requirements may apply to certain regulated earth disturbance activities and must be met prior to commencement of regulated earth disturbance activities, as applicable:

- A. All regulated earth disturbance activities subject to permit requirements by PADEP under regulations at Title 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 102.
- B. Work within natural drainageways subject to permit by PADEP under Title 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 105.
- C. Any stormwater management facility that would be located in or adjacent to surface waters of the Commonwealth, including wetlands, subject to permit by PADEP under Title 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 105.
- D. Any stormwater management facility that would be located on or discharging to a state highway right-of-way, or require access to or from a state highway shall be subject to approval by PennDOT.
- E. Culverts, bridges, storm sewers, or any other facilities which must pass or convey flows from the tributary area and any facility which may constitute a dam subject to permit by PADEP under Title 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 105.

### **Section 303. Erosion and Sediment Control During Regulated Earth Disturbance Activities**

- A. No regulated earth disturbance activities within the Municipality shall commence until the Municipality receives an approval from the PADEP in compliance with Title 25 Chapter 102 of the Pennsylvania Code of an erosion and sediment control plan for construction activities if applicable.
- B. PADEP has regulations regarding erosion and sediment control under Title 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 102.
- C. In addition, under Title 25 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 92, a PADEP "NPDES Construction Activities" Permit is required for regulated earth disturbance activities.
- D. Evidence of any necessary permit(s) for regulated earth disturbance activities from the appropriate PADEP regional office or County Conservation District must be provided to the Municipality. The issuance of an NPDES Construction Permit (or permit coverage under the statewide General Permit (PAG-2)) satisfies the requirements of subsection 403.A.
- E. A copy of the erosion and sediment control plan and any required permit, as required by PADEP regulations, shall be available on the project site at all times.
- F. Additional erosion and sediment control design standards and criteria are recommended to be applied where infiltration BMPs are proposed. At a minimum, they shall include the following:

- c. Provide stream bank erosion protection in accordance with Section 307 stream bank erosion requirements.
- d. Prepare final project design to maintain existing conditions, drainage areas and discharge points, to minimize earth disturbance and impervious surfaces, and, to the maximum extent possible, to ensure that the remaining site development has no surface or point discharge.
- e. Conduct a proposed conditions runoff analysis based on the final design that meets the management district requirements (Section 308).
- f. Manage any remaining runoff prior to discharge through detention, bioretention, direct discharge, or other structural control.

### Section 305. Infiltration Volume Requirements

**Providing for infiltration consistent with the natural hydrologic regime is required.** Design of the infiltration facilities shall consider infiltration to compensate for the reduction in the recharge that occurs when the ground surface is disturbed or impervious surface is created.

If it cannot be physically accomplished, then the design professional shall be responsible for demonstrating to the satisfaction of the municipality that this **cannot be physically accomplished on the site** (e.g., shallow depth to bedrock or limiting zone, open voids, steep slopes, etc. per the PA BMP Manual). A financial hardship as defined in Section 202 is not acceptable to avoid implementing infiltration facilities. If infiltration it can be physically accomplished, the volume of runoff to be infiltrated shall be determined from Section 305.A.2 depending on demonstrated site conditions, and shall be the greatest volume that can be physically infiltrated or alternative methods consistent with the PA BMP Manual (as amended) or other PADEP guidance, such as the Managed Release Concept, may be used to manage this volume with approval from the Municipal Engineer. For example:

- Any applicant (developer or redeveloper) shall first attempt to infiltrate the volume required in Section 305.A.2.a.
- If the Section 305.A.2.a requirement cannot be physically accomplished, then the applicant is required to attempt to infiltrate the volume required in Section 305A.2.b.
- Finally, if the 305.A.2.b infiltration volume cannot be physically accomplished, the applicant must, at a minimum, infiltrate the volume required in 305.A.2.c

A. Infiltration BMPs shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1. Infiltration BMPs intended to receive runoff from developed or redeveloped areas shall be selected based on suitability of soils and site conditions and shall be constructed on soils that have the following characteristics:
  - a. A minimum depth of twenty-four (24) inches between the bottom of the BMP and the top of the limiting zone.

An asterisk (\*) in equations denotes multiplication.

Where:

I = The maximum equivalent infiltration amount (inches) that the site can physically accept or 0.50 inch, whichever is greater.

The retention volume values derived from the methods in Section 305.A.2.a, 305.A.2.b, or 305.A.2.c is the minimum volume the Applicant must control through an infiltration BMP facility. If site conditions preclude capture of runoff from portions of the impervious area, the infiltration volume for the remaining area should be increased an equivalent amount to offset the loss.

d. Only if the minimum of 0.50 inch of infiltration requirement **cannot be physically accomplished**, a waiver from Section 305, Infiltration Volume Requirements is required from the Municipality.

e. If an applicant cannot meet the requirements of Section 305.A.2.a, the applicant shall make a contribution in lieu of the infiltration facility to the Rutledge Borough Stormwater Management Fund. The amount of the contribution shall be the difference in cost of the facility required under Section 305.A.2.a and the cost of the system constructed. All costs shall be subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

- B. Soils - A detailed soils evaluation of the project site shall be required to determine the suitability of infiltration facilities. The evaluation shall be performed by a qualified design professional and at minimum address soil permeability, depth to bedrock, and subgrade stability. The general process for designing the infiltration BMP shall be:
1. Analyze hydrologic soil groups as well as natural and man-made features within the site to determine general areas of suitability for infiltration practices. In areas where development on fill material is under consideration, conduct geotechnical investigations of subgrade stability; infiltration may not be ruled out without conducting these tests.
  2. Provide field tests as required in the PA BMP Manual.
  3. Design the infiltration structure for the required retention ( $Re_v$ ) volume based on field determined capacity at the level of the proposed infiltration surface.
  4. If on-lot infiltration structures are proposed by the Applicant's design professional, it must be demonstrated to the Municipality that the soils are conducive to infiltrate on the lots identified.
- C. Infiltration facilities should, to the greatest extent practicable, be located to avoid introducing contaminants via groundwater, and be in conformance with an approved source water protection assessment or source water protection plan.

The Post-construction total runoff volume shall not exceed the Predevelopment total runoff volume for all storms equal to or less than the two-year, 24-hour duration precipitation (design storm). If the Municipal Engineer concurs that this criterion cannot be met, a minimum of one half (0.5)-inches of runoff from all Regulated Impervious Surfaces shall be managed. For modeling purposes, existing (pre-development) non-forested pervious areas must be considered meadow in good condition or its equivalent, and twenty (20) percent of existing impervious area, when present, shall be considered meadow in good condition.

This volume requirement can be managed by the permanent volume of a wet basin or the detained volume from other BMPs. Where appropriate, wet basins shall be utilized for water quality control and shall follow the guidelines of the PA BMP Manual referenced in Ordinance Appendix G.

Release of water can begin at the start of the storm (i.e., the invert of the water quality orifice is at the invert of the facility). The design of the facility shall provide for protection from clogging and unwanted sedimentation.

- B. The temperature of receiving waters shall be protected through the use of BMPs that moderate temperature.
- C. Evapotranspiration may be quantified and credited towards meeting volume requirements according to the PADEP Post Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) Spreadsheet and Instructions (December 2020) or the most recent guidance from PADEP.

#### **Section 307. Stream Bank Erosion Requirements**

- A. In addition to controlling the water quality volume (in order to minimize the impact of stormwater runoff on downstream stream bank erosion), the primary requirement to control stream bank erosion is to design a BMP to detain the proposed conditions 2-year, 24-hour design storm to the existing conditions 1-year flow using the SCS Type II distribution. Additionally, provisions shall be made (such as adding a small orifice at the bottom of the outlet structure) to release the proposed conditions 1-year storm for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours from a point in time when the maximum volume of water from the 1-year storm is stored in a proposed BMP (i.e., the maximum water surface elevation is achieved in the facility). Release of water can begin at the start of the storm (i.e., the invert of the water quality orifice is at the invert of the facility).
- B. The minimum orifice size in the outlet structure to the BMP shall be three (3) inches in diameter where possible, and a trash rack shall be installed to prevent clogging. On sites with small drainage areas contributing to this BMP that do not provide enough runoff volume to allow a 24-hour attenuation with the 3-inch orifice, the calculations shall be submitted showing this condition. When the calculated orifice size is below three (3) inches, gravel filters (or other methods) are recommended to discharge low-flow rates subject to the municipal engineer's satisfaction. When filters are utilized, maintenance provisions shall be provided to ensure filters meet the design function. All facilities shall make use of measures to extend the flow path and increase the travel time of flows in the facility.

|   | 25-year<br>50-year<br>100-year                                | 25-year<br>50-year<br>100-year                               |
|---|---|--|
| B | 2-year<br>5-year<br>10-year<br>25-year<br>50-year<br>100-year | 1-year<br>2-year<br>5-year<br>10-year<br>25-year<br>100-year |

**TABLE 308.2**

**PEAK RATE CONTROL STANDARDS BY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IN  
THE DARBY-COBBS CREEK WATERSHED**

| District | Proposed Condition Design Storm                             | Existing Condition<br>Design Storm                         |
|----------|---|--|
| A        | 2 - year<br>5 - year<br>10 - year<br>25 - year<br>100-year  | 1 - year<br>5 - year<br>10 - year<br>25 - year<br>100-year |
| B-1      | 2 - year<br>10 - year<br>25 - year<br>50- year<br>100-year  | 1- year<br>5 - year<br>10 - year<br>25- year<br>100-year   |
| B-2      | 2 - year<br>5 - year<br>25 - year<br>50- year<br>100 - year | 1- year<br>2 - year<br>5 - year<br>10- year<br>100 - year  |
| C        | Conditional Direct Discharge District                       |  |

Off-site Areas - Off-site areas that drain through a proposed development site are not subject to release rate criteria when determining allowable peak runoff rates. On-site drainage facilities shall be designed to safely convey off-site flows through the development site.

- E. Site Areas - Where the site area to be impacted by a proposed development activity differs significantly from the total site area, only the proposed impact area utilizing stormwater

2. Reduce the total pre-development impervious surface on the site by at least twenty percent (20%); based upon a comparison of existing impervious surface to regulated impervious surface. In this case, calculations must be provided that show the peak rate has not increased.

### Section 309. Calculation Methodology

- A. Stormwater runoff from all development sites with a drainage area of greater than five (5) acres shall be calculated using a generally accepted calculation technique that is based on the NRCS Soil Cover Complex Method. Table 309.1 summarizes acceptable computation methods. The method selected by the design professional shall be based on the individual limitations and suitability of each method for a particular site. The use of the Rational Method to estimate peak discharges for drainage areas greater than five (5) acres shall be permitted only upon approval of the Municipal Engineer.

**TABLE 309.1**

#### **ACCEPTABLE COMPUTATION METHODOLOGIES FOR SWM SITE PLAN**

| <b>METHOD</b>  | <b>DEVELOPED BY</b>        | <b>APPLICABILITY</b>  |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Soil Cover Complex<br>Unit Hydrograph Method   | USDA NRCS                  | Applicable where use of full hydrology computer model is desirable or necessary.              |
| Applicable<br>where use of full<br>TR-55<br>(or commercial computer<br>package based on TR-55) | USDA NRCS                  | Applicable for land development plans where limitations described in TR-55.                   |
| HEC-1/ HEC-HMS   | US Army Corps of Engineers | Applicable where use of a full hydrologic computer model is desirable or necessary.           |
| Rational Method<br>(or commercial computer<br>package based on Rational<br>Method)             | Emil Kuichling<br>(1889)   | For sites up to five (5) acres, or as approved by the Municipality and/or municipal Engineer. |
| Other Methods  | Varies                     | Other computation methodologies approved by the Municipality and/or municipal Engineer.       |

- B. All calculations consistent with this Ordinance using the Soil Cover Complex Method shall use the appropriate design rainfall depths for the various return period storms. Rainfall depths shall be according to NOAA Atlas 14 values consistent with a partial duration series. When



- I. The design of any stormwater detention facilities intended to meet the performance standards of this Ordinance shall be verified by routing the design storm hydrograph through these facilities using an acceptable method. The design storm hydrograph shall be computed using a calculation method that produces a full hydrograph. The Municipality may approve the use of any generally accepted full hydrograph approximation technique that shall use a total runoff volume that is consistent with the volume from a method that produces a full hydrograph.

#### **Section 310. Other Requirements**

- A. All wet basin designs shall incorporate biologic controls consistent with the West Nile Guidance found in Appendix H, PADEP document 363-0300-001 "Design Criteria – Wetlands Replacement/Monitoring," or contact the Pennsylvania State Cooperative Wetland Center ([www.wetlands.psu.edu/](http://www.wetlands.psu.edu/)) or the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office ([www.extension.psu.edu/extmap.html](http://www.extension.psu.edu/extmap.html)).
- B. Any stormwater basin required or regulated by this Ordinance designed to store runoff and requiring a berm or earthen embankment shall be designed to provide an emergency spillway to handle flow up to and including the 100-year proposed conditions. The height of embankment must provide a minimum of 1.0 foot of freeboard above the maximum pool elevation computed when the facility functions for the 100-year proposed conditions. Should any stormwater management facility require a dam safety permit under PADEP Chapter 105, the facility shall be designed in accordance with Chapter 105 and meet the regulations of Chapter 105 concerning dam safety. Chapter 105 may require the passing of storms larger than 100-year events.
- C. Any drainage conveyance facility and/or channel not governed by Chapter 105 regulations must be able to convey, without damage to the drainage structure or roadway, runoff from the 25-year storm event. The larger the events (50-year and 100-year) must also be safely conveyed in the direction of natural flow without creating additional damage to any drainage structures, nearby structures, or roadways.
- D. Conveyance facilities transporting flow to or exiting from stormwater management facilities (i.e., detention basins) shall be designed to convey the 100-year frequency storm.
- E. Roadway crossings or structures located within designated floodplain areas must be able to convey runoff from a 100-year design storm consistent with Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program – Floodplain Management Requirements.
- F. Any facility located within a PennDOT right-of-way must meet PennDOT minimum design standards and permit submission requirements.
- G. Adequate erosion protection and energy dissipation shall be provided along all open channels and at all points of discharge. Design methods shall be consistent with the Federal Highway Administration Hydraulic Engineering Circular Number 11 (Publication No. FHWA-IP-89-016) and the PADEP Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Program Manual (Publication No. 363-2134-008).

#### **Section 311. Riparian Buffers**

specified in the municipal Zoning Ordinance. 3800-PM-BCW0100j Rev. 4/2018 Model Ordinance.

- F. Any permitted use within the Riparian Buffer Easement shall be conducted in a manner that will maintain the extent of the existing 100-year floodplain, improve or maintain the stream stability, and preserve and protect the ecological function of the floodplain.
- G. The following conditions shall apply when public and/or private recreation trails are permitted within Riparian Buffers:
  - 1. Trails shall be for non-motorized use only.
  - 2. Trails shall be designed to have the least impact on native plant species and other sensitive environmental features.
- H. Septic drainfields and sewage disposal systems shall not be permitted within the Riparian Buffer Easement and shall comply with setback requirements established under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 73.

8. The SWM Site Plan Checklist (Appendix C-2).

B. Maps or Plan Sheets

Map(s) or plan sheets of the project area shall be submitted on 24-inch x 36-inch sheets and/or shall be prepared in a form that meets the requirements for recording at the offices of the Recorder of Deeds of Delaware County. If the SALDO has more stringent criteria than this Ordinance, then the more stringent criteria shall apply. The contents of the map(s) shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The location of the project relative to highways, municipal boundaries, or other identifiable landmarks.
2. Existing contours at intervals of two (2) feet. In areas of slopes greater than fifteen percent (15%), 5-foot contour intervals may be used.
3. Existing streams, lakes, ponds, or other waters of the Commonwealth within the project area.
4. Other physical features including flood hazard boundaries, stream buffers, existing drainage courses, areas of natural vegetation to be preserved, and the total extent of the upstream area draining through the site.
5. The locations of all existing and proposed utilities, sanitary sewers, and water lines within fifty (50) feet of property lines.
6. An overlay showing soil names and boundaries.
7. Limits of earth disturbance, including the type and amount of impervious area that would be added.
8. Proposed structures, roads, paved areas, and buildings.
9. Final contours at intervals of two (2) feet. In areas of steep slopes (greater than fifteen percent (15%)), 5-foot contour intervals may be used.
10. The name of the development, the name and address of the owner of the property, and the name of the individual or firm preparing the plan.
11. The date of submission.
12. A graphic and written scale of one (1) inch equals no more than fifty (50) feet; for tracts of twenty (20) acres or more, the scale shall be one (1) inch equals no more than one hundred (100) feet.
13. A north arrow.

- b. Stormwater runoff computations as specified in this Ordinance.
  - c. Stormwater management techniques to be applied both during and after development.
  - d. Expected project time schedule.
  - e. Development stages or project phases, if so proposed.
  - f. An operations and maintenance plan in accordance with Section 702 of this Ordinance.
- 2. An erosion and sediment control plan.
  - 3. A description of the effect of the project (in terms of runoff volumes and peak flows) on adjacent properties and on any existing municipal stormwater collection system that may receive runoff from the project site.
  - 4. A Declaration of Adequacy and Highway Occupancy Permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District office when utilization of a PennDOT storm drainage system is proposed.

**D. Stormwater Management Facilities**

- 1. All stormwater management facilities must be located on a plan and described in detail.
- 2. The locations of existing and proposed septic tank infiltration areas and wells must be shown.
- 3. All calculations, assumptions, loading ratios (guidelines presented in the PA BMP Manual), and criteria used in the design of the stormwater management facilities must be shown.

**Section 403. Plan Submission**

The Municipality shall require receipt of a complete SWM site plan, as specified in this Ordinance.

- A. Proof of application or documentation of required permit(s) or approvals for the programs listed below shall be part of the plan, if applicable:
  - 1. NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities
  - 2. PADEP permits as needed
    - a. PADEP Joint Permit Application
    - b. Chapter 105 (Dam Safety and Waterway Management)
    - c. Chapter 106 (Floodplain Management)

2. If the municipal Engineer determines that the SWM site plan is inconsistent or noncompliant with the stormwater management ordinance, the municipal Engineer will forward a letter to the municipality, with a copy to the Applicant citing the reason(s) and specific Ordinance sections for the inconsistency or noncompliance. Inconsistency or noncompliance may be due to inadequate information to make a reasonable judgment as to compliance with the stormwater management plan. Any SWM site plans that are inconsistent or noncompliant may be revised by the Applicant and resubmitted when consistent with this Ordinance.
- D. For regulated activities under this Ordinance that require an NPDES Permit Application, the Applicant shall forward a copy of the municipal Engineer's letter stating that the SWM site plan is consistent with the stormwater management ordinance to the Conservation District. PADEP and the Conservation District may consider the municipal Engineer's review comments in determining whether to issue a permit.
  - E. The Municipality will not grant preliminary or final approval to any subdivision or land development for regulated activities specified in this Ordinance if the SWM site plan has been found by the municipal Engineer to be inconsistent with the stormwater management ordinance. All required permits from PADEP must be obtained prior to approval of any subdivision or land development.
  - F. No building permits for any regulated activity specified in this Ordinance will be approved by the Municipality if the SWM site plan has been found to be inconsistent with the stormwater management ordinance, as determined by the municipal Engineer and Conservation District, or without considering the comments of the municipal Engineer and Conservation District. All required permits from PADEP must be obtained prior to issuance of a building permit.
  - G. The Applicant shall be responsible for completing record drawings of all stormwater management facilities included in the approved SWM site plan. The record drawings and an explanation of any discrepancies with the design plans shall be submitted to the municipal Engineer for final approval. In no case will the Municipality approve the record drawings until the Municipality receives a copy of an approved Declaration of Adequacy and/or Highway Occupancy Permit from the PennDOT District office, NPDES Permit, and any other applicable permits or approvals from PADEP or the Conservation District. The above permits and approvals must be based on the record drawings.
  - H. The Municipality's approval of a SWM site plan shall be valid for a period not to exceed five (5) years commencing on the date that the Municipality signs the approved SWM site plan. If stormwater management facilities included in the approved SWM site plan have not been constructed, or if constructed, record drawings of these facilities have not been approved within this five-year time period, then the Municipality may consider the SWM site plan inconsistent or noncompliant and may revoke any and all permits. SWM site plans that are determined to be inconsistent or noncompliant by the Municipality shall be resubmitted in accordance with Section 406 of this Ordinance.
  - I. For any SWM Site Plan that proposes to use any BMPs other than green infrastructure and LID practices to achieve the volume and rate controls required under this Ordinance, the Municipality will not approve the SWM Site Plan unless it determines that green infrastructure

## ARTICLE V – INSPECTIONS

### Section 501. Inspections

- A. The municipal Engineer or his municipal designee shall inspect all phases of the installation of the permanent BMPs and/or stormwater management facilities as deemed appropriate by the municipal Engineer.
- B. During any stage of the work, if the municipal Engineer or his municipal designee determines that the permanent BMPs and/or stormwater management facilities are not being installed in accordance with the approved stormwater management plan, the Municipality may revoke any existing permits or other approvals and issue a cease and desist order until a revised SWM site plan is submitted and approved, as specified in this Ordinance, and until the deficiencies are corrected.

A final inspection of all BMPs and/or stormwater management facilities shall be conducted by the municipal Engineer or his municipal designee to confirm compliance with the approved SWM site plan prior to the issuance of any occupancy permit.

### Section 502. As-built Plans, Completion Certificate, and Final Inspections

- A. The developer shall be responsible for providing as-built plans of all SWM BMPs included in the approved SWM site plan for activities involving regulated impervious surfaces 1,000 sq. ft. or greater and for earth disturbances 5,000 sq. ft. or greater. The as-built plans and all explanation of any discrepancies with the construction plans shall be submitted to the Municipality within three (3) months of the completion of construction of the SWM BMPs.
- B. As-built plans shall show the location (including latitude and longitude coordinates) and as-built conditions of all SWM BMPs and include the following information: impervious surfaces included in the approved SWM site plan; topographic contours; and existing, proposed, and built impervious surfaces shown in the as-built drawings.
- C. The as-built submission shall include a certification of completion signed by a Design Professional verifying that all permanent SWM BMPs have been constructed according to the approved plans and specifications.
- D. The municipality will review the as-built submission for consistency with the approved SWM site plan as well as actual conditions at the project site. After receipt of the completion certification by the Municipality, the Municipality may conduct a final inspection.
- E. If an NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities was required for the Regulated Activity, a Notice of Termination (NOT) approval must be obtained upon completion of construction prior to final approval of the project by the Municipality.



## **ARTICLE VII – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) RESPONSIBILITIES AND EASEMENTS**

### **Section 701. Performance Guarantee**

- A. For all activities requiring submittal of a SWM site plan, the Applicant shall provide a financial guarantee to the Municipality for the timely installation and proper construction of all stormwater management facilities as:
  - 1. Required by the approved SWM site plan equal to or greater than the full construction cost of the required facilities, or
  - 2. The amount and method of payment provided for in the SALDO.
- B. For other regulated activities, the Municipality may require a financial guarantee from the Applicant.

### **Section 702. Responsibilities for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) of Stormwater Controls and BMPs**

- A. The SWM site plan shall include a BMP operations and maintenance plan that describes how the permanent (e.g., post-construction) stormwater controls and BMPs will be properly operated, inspected, and maintained.
- B. Establish access easements that include all significant stormwater controls, conveyances, and BMPs, and indicate a 15-foot perimeter area surrounding these features that will provide the municipality sufficient ingress to and egress from a public right-of-way.
- C. The following items shall be included in the stormwater control and BMP operations and maintenance plan, as applicable:
  - 1. Map(s) of the project area, in a form that meets the requirements for recording at the offices of the Recorder of Deeds of Delaware County. The contents of the maps(s) shall include, but not be limited to:
    - a. Clear identification of the location and nature of permanent stormwater controls and BMPs,
    - b. The location of the project site relative to highways, municipal boundaries, or other identifiable landmarks,
    - c. Existing and final contours at intervals of two (2) feet, or others as appropriate,



reject the operations and maintenance responsibility for any or all of the stormwater controls and BMPs.

### **Section 703. Municipal Review of a Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan**

- A. The Municipality will review the stormwater control and BMP operations and maintenance plan for consistency with this Ordinance and any permits issued by PADEP.
- B. The Municipality will notify the Applicant in writing whether or not the stormwater control and BMP operations and maintenance plan is approved.
- C. The Municipality will require an as-built plan per Section 502 showing all constructed stormwater controls and BMPs and an explanation of any discrepancies with the approved operations and maintenance plan.

### **Section 704. Adherence to an Approved Stormwater Control and BMP Operations and Maintenance Plan**

It shall be unlawful to alter or remove any permanent stormwater control and BMP required by an approved stormwater control and BMP operations and maintenance plan or to allow the property to remain in a condition which does not conform to an approved stormwater control and BMP operations and maintenance plan.

### **Section 705. Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Privately Owned Stormwater Controls and BMPs**

- A. Prior to final approval of the site's SWM site plan (including plans for private facilities constructed under the simplified method), the Applicant shall sign and record an operations and maintenance agreement with the Municipality covering all stormwater controls and BMPs that are to be privately owned (refer to Appendix I). The maintenance agreement shall be transferred with transfer of ownership in perpetuity. The agreement shall be substantially the same as the agreement in Appendix I of this Ordinance.
- B. Other items may be included in the agreement where determined necessary to guarantee the satisfactory operation and maintenance of all permanent stormwater controls and BMPs. The agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Municipality.

### **Section 706. Stormwater Management Easements**

- A. Stormwater management easements are required for all areas used for off-site stormwater control, unless a waiver is granted by the Municipality.

recommendations for improving performance, if applicable. Inspection reports for items 1 and 2 above shall be submitted to the Municipality within 30 days following completion of the inspection, and shall be accompanied by a current photograph of the Facility or structure inspected.

B. Municipality Inspections. The municipality shall inspect all SWM BMPs, facilities and/or structures installed under this Ordinance other than those constructed pursuant to the simplified approach as set forth in Section 106.1 according to the following frequencies, at a minimum, to ensure the BMPs, facilities and /or structures continue to function as intended. Persons installing stormwater controls or BMPs shall be required to pay a specified amount to the Municipal Stormwater Control and BMP Operation and Maintenance Fund to help cover the costs of periodic inspections and maintenance expenses. This is to be paid in a manner specified by the Municipality. The amount of the deposit shall be determined as follows:

1. If the BMP or Conveyance is to be privately owned and maintained, the deposit shall cover the cost of periodic inspections performed by the Municipality, as estimated by the Municipal Engineer, for a period of twenty-five (25) years, at the following minimum frequencies:
  - 1) Annually for the first 5 years.
  - 2) Once every 3 years thereafter
  - 3) During or immediately after the cessation of a 25-year or greater storm, as determined by the Municipal Engineer.
  - 4) The Municipal Engineer may request that the landowners or landowners' designee submit an inspection report after the cessation of a 10-year or greater storm event if there is reason to believe that a BMP has sustained damage that impacts its ability to function as designed and if the BMP's failure would result in damage to downgradient properties.
2. If the BMP or Conveyance is to be owned and maintained by the Municipality, the deposit shall cover the estimated costs for maintenance and inspections for twenty-five (25) years. The Municipality will establish the estimated costs utilizing information submitted by the Applicant. Inspections shall be conducted at the minimum frequencies listed in the above referenced section.
3. The above referenced inspections shall be conducted during or immediately following precipitation events or in dry weather conditions if the BMP design parameters include dewatering within a specified period of time. A written inspection report shall be created to document each inspection. The inspection report shall contain the date and time of the inspection, the individual(s) who completed the inspection, the location of the BMP, Stormwater Management Facility or structure inspected, observations on performance, and recommendations for improving performance, if applicable.

## ARTICLE VIII – PROHIBITIONS

### Section 801. Prohibited Discharges

- A. Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, that allows any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the Municipality's separate storm sewer system, riparian buffers, wetlands, or other Waters of the Commonwealth is prohibited.
- B. No person shall allow, or cause to allow, stormwater discharges into the Municipality's separate storm sewer system that are not composed entirely of stormwater, except as provided in subsection C below, and discharges allowed under a state or federal permit.
- C. The following discharges are authorized unless they are determined to be significant contributors to pollution to the waters of the Commonwealth:
  - 1. Discharges from fire fighting activities;
  - 2. Potable water sources including water line and fire hydrant flushings if such discharges do not contain detectable concentrations of Total Residual Chlorine (TRC);
  - 3. Non-contaminated irrigation drainage water;
  - 4. Routine external building washdown (which does not use detergents or other compounds);
  - 5. Non-contaminated HVAC condensation and water from geothermal systems;
  - 6. Residential (i.e., not commercial) vehicle wash water where agents are not utilized;
  - 7. Springs and water from crawl space pumps;
  - 8. Uncontaminated water from foundation or from footing drains;
  - 9. Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;
  - 10. Lawn watering;
  - 11. Pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where detergents are not used;

- B. Roof drains and sump pumps shall not be connected to streets, storm sewers, or roadside ditches except on a case by case basis as determined by the municipality.
- C. Roof drains and sump pumps shall discharge to infiltration areas or vegetative BMPs to the maximum extent practicable where advantageous to do so.
- D. Roof drains and sump pumps shall not discharge directly onto an adjacent property nor create a public nuisance

**Section 805. Alteration of BMPs**

- A. No person shall modify, remove, fill, landscape, or alter any existing stormwater control or BMP unless it is part of an approved maintenance program without the written approval of the Municipality.
- B. No person shall place any structure, fill, landscaping, or vegetation into a stormwater control or BMP or within a drainage easement that would limit or alter the functioning of the stormwater control or BMP without the written approval of the Municipality.

7. Operation and maintenance of stormwater controls and BMPs.
- B. Such notification shall set forth the nature of the violation(s) and establish a time limit for correction of these violations(s). Said notice may further advise that, if applicable, should the violator fail to take the required action within the established deadline, the work will be done by the Municipality or designee, and the expense thereof shall be charged to the violator.
- C. Failure to comply within the time specified shall also subject such person to the penalty provisions of this Ordinance. All such penalties shall be deemed cumulative and shall not prevent the Municipality from pursuing any and all other remedies available in law or equity.

#### **Section 904. Suspension and Revocation of Permits and Approvals**

- A. Any building, land development, or other permit or approval issued by the Municipality may be suspended or revoked by the Municipality for:
  1. Noncompliance with or failure to implement any provision of the permit;
  2. A violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any other law or regulation applicable to the regulated activity;
  3. The creation of any condition or the commission of any act during construction or development that constitutes or creates a hazard or nuisance, pollution, or endangers the life, health, or property of others.
- B. Prior to revocation or suspension of a permit and at the request of the Applicant, the Governing Body shall schedule a hearing to discuss the noncompliance if there is no immediate danger to life, public health, or property. The expense of a hearing shall be the Applicant's responsibility.
- C. A suspended permit or approval may be reinstated by the Municipality when:
  1. The municipal Engineer or designee has inspected and approved the corrections to the stormwater controls and BMPs or the elimination of the hazard or nuisance, and/or
  2. The Municipality is satisfied that the violation has been corrected.
- D. A permit or approval that has been revoked by the Municipality cannot be reinstated. The Applicant may apply for a new permit in accordance with this Ordinance.

#### **Section 905. Penalties**

constructed according to the plans and specifications and approved revisions thereto.

2. Provide a set of as-built (record) drawings per Section 502.

- D After receipt of the certification by the Municipality, a final inspection shall be conducted by the municipality or its designee to certify compliance with this Ordinance.
- E An occupancy permit will not be issued unless the certification of completion pursuant to Section 907.C.1 has been secured. The occupancy permit shall be required for each lot owner and/or Applicant for all subdivisions and land developments in the Municipality.

#### **Section 908. Appeals**

- A. Any person aggrieved by any action of the Municipality or its designee relevant to the provision of this Ordinance may appeal to Borough Council within thirty (30) days of that action.
- B. Any person aggrieved by any decision of Borough Council relevant to the provision of this Ordinance may appeal to the County Court of Common Pleas in the County where the activity has taken place within thirty (30) days of the municipal decision.

APPENDIX A  
Stormwater Management District Watershed Map  
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Agreement found in Section B.5 needs to be signed and submitted with the simple sketch plan to the Municipality for approval.

## **B.1 Determination of Simplified Approach Volume Requirements**

All proposed impervious areas must be included in the determination of the amount of regulated impervious areas and the size of proposed BMPs needed to control stormwater. Proposed and regulated impervious areas on an individual residential lot include: roof area, pavement, sidewalks, driveways, patios, porches, permanent pools, or parking areas. Sidewalks, driveways, or patios that are constructed with gravel or pervious pavers that will not be converted to an impervious surface in the future need not be included in this calculation. Therefore, the amount of proposed and regulated impervious area can be reduced for proposed driveways, patios, and sidewalks through the use of gravel, pervious pavement, and turf pavers. All regulated impervious areas must be constructed so that runoff is conveyed to a BMP; no runoff can be directed to storm sewers, inlets, or other impervious areas (i.e., street).

In addition, the use of low impact development is recommended to further minimize the effect of the new construction on water, land, and air. Low impact development is a method of development that incorporates design techniques that include: minimizing the amount of land disturbance, reducing impervious cover, disconnecting gutters and directing runoff to vegetated areas to infiltrate, and redirecting the flow of runoff from impervious driveways to vegetated areas instead of to the street or gutter.

**Below are the steps that must be undertaken to meet the Ordinance requirements. The results obtained for each step must be included in the Simplified Method Worksheet found in Table B-4:**

**STEP 1** – Determine the total area of all regulated impervious surfaces that will need to drain to one or more BMPs. Determine locations where BMPs need to be placed so that runoff from all of the regulated impervious surfaces can be captured. Select the BMPs to be used and determine the requirements of each from Section B.3. For instance, the back half of a garage may drain 200 square feet of roof to a rain barrel, and the front half of a garage may drain 200 square feet of roof and 540 square feet of driveway to a bioretention area. Then, obtain the required storage volume and surface area needed for each of the proposed BMPs from the appropriate heading below.

### **For Rain Barrels/Cisterns**

**STEP 2** –Select the regulated impervious area value in Column 1 of Table B-1 that is closest to, but not less than, the determined value.

**STEP 3** – Determine the volume that needs to be provided in cubic feet and gallons to satisfy the volume requirements using Columns 2 and 3 in Table B-1.

|     |     |         |
|-----|-----|---------|
| 300 | 33  | 249     |
| 350 | 39  | 291     |
| 400 | 44  | 332     |
| 450 | 50  | 374     |
| 500 | 56  | 416     |
| 550 | 61  | 457     |
| 600 | 67  | 499     |
|     |     | Cistern |
| 650 | 72  | 540     |
| 700 | 78  | 582     |
| 750 | 83  | 623     |
| 800 | 89  | 665     |
| 850 | 94  | 706     |
| 900 | 100 | 748     |
| 950 | 106 | 790     |
| 999 | 111 | 830     |

\*The typical volume of a rain barrel is between 50-200 gallons, so more than 1 rain barrel may be needed. Larger volumes may require a cistern.

\*Assume that the rain barrel/cistern is 75% full

INSERT 11" x 17" Table B-2 HERE

### **For Infiltration Trench or Dry Well #2:**

**STEP 2** – Select the regulated impervious area value in Column 1 of Table B-3 that is closest to, but not less than, the determined value.

**STEP 3** - Determine the volume that needs to be provided in cubic feet to satisfy the volume requirements using Column 2 in Table B-3.

**STEP 4** – Using the value from Column 2 determined above, select the depth (D) of the proposed BMP, and then simply determine the surface area needed from Column 3 of Table B-3.

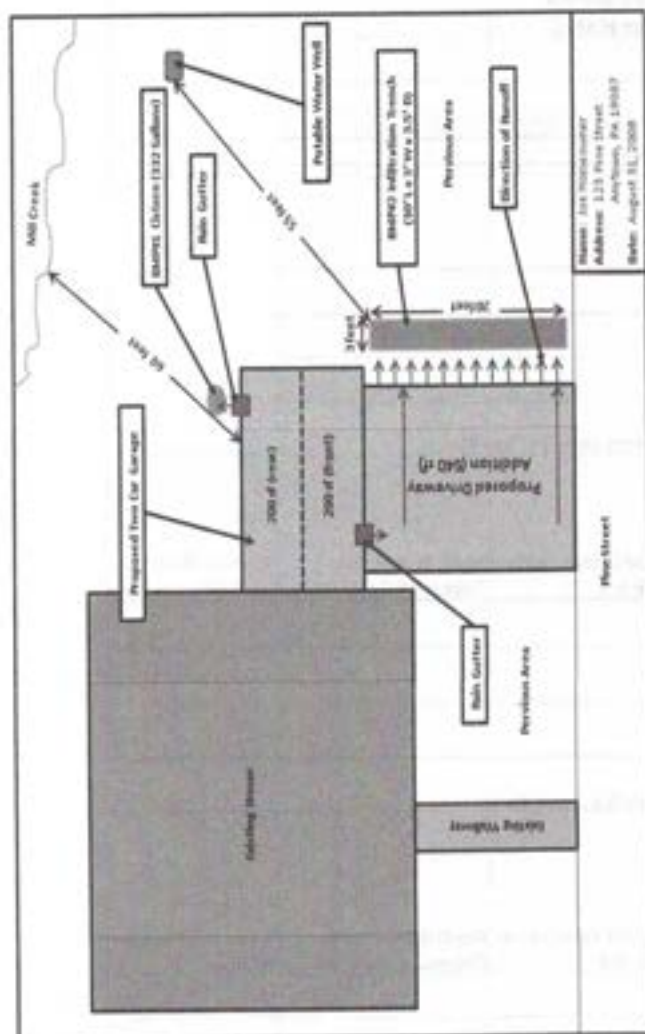
Note: The arrows under Column 3 in Table B-3 indicate which range of depths is appropriate for each BMP. To determine the depth based on the area, select an area that corresponds to the required volume that is closest to, but not less than, the area to be used. To determine the area based on the depth, select a depth that is closest to, but not less than, the depth that is to be used.

**STEP 5** - Sketch a simple site plan as shown in Figure B-1 that includes:

- Name and address of the owner of the property, and or name and address of the individual preparing the plan, along with the date of submission.
- Location of proposed structures, driveways, or other paved areas with approximate size in square feet.
- Location, orientation, and dimensions of all proposed BMPs. For all rain gardens/bioretenention, infiltration trenches, and dry wells, the length, width, and depth must be included on the plan. For rain barrels or cisterns the volume must be included.
- Location of any existing or proposed on-site septic system and/or potable water wells showing rough proximity to infiltration facilities.
- Location of any existing waterbodies such as; streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, or other waters of the Commonwealth within fifty (50) feet of the project site, and the distance to the project site and/or BMPs. The project or BMPs cannot be located less than fifty (50) feet away from a perennial or intermittent stream. If an existing buffer is legally prescribed (i.e., deed, covenant, easement, etc.) and it exceeds the requirements of this Ordinance, the existing buffer shall be maintained.
- Location of all existing structures including buildings, driveways, and roads within fifty (50) feet of the project site.

INSERT 11" x 17" Table B-3 HERE

Figure B-1: Typical Dry Well Configuration filled with Stone Fill (Left) and Structural Prefabricated Chamber (Right)





## B.2 Definitions

**Best Management Practice (BMP)** - Activities, facilities, designs, measures, or procedures used to manage stormwater impacts from land development, to protect and maintain water quality and groundwater recharge and to otherwise meet the purposes of the Municipal Stormwater Management Ordinance, including but not limited to infiltration trenches, dry wells, bioretention, rain gardens, permeable paving, rain barrels, and cisterns.

**Capture** - Collecting runoff to be stored for reuse or allowed to slowly infiltrate into the ground.

**Geotextile** - A fabric manufactured from synthetic fiber that is used to achieve specific objectives, including infiltration, separation between different types of media (i.e., between soil and stone), or filtration.

**Hotspot** - Areas where land use or activities generate highly contaminated runoff, with concentrations of pollutants that are higher than those that are typically found in stormwater (e.g., vehicle salvage yards and recycling facilities, vehicle fueling stations, fleet storage areas, vehicle equipment and cleaning facilities, and vehicle service and maintenance facilities).

**Impervious Surface** - A surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. Impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, streets, sidewalks, pavements, swimming pools, driveway areas or roofs.

**Infiltration** - Movement of surface water into the soil, where it is absorbed by plant roots, evaporated into the atmosphere, or percolated downward to recharge groundwater.

**Low Impact Development** - A land development and construction approach that uses various land planning, design practices, and technologies to simultaneously conserve and protect natural resource systems, and reduce infrastructure costs.

**Pervious Surface** - Any surface that is not impervious.

**Proposed Impervious Surface** - The total impervious surface proposed as part of the current Stormwater Management Permit application only. This does not include impervious surface added after the adoption date of the municipality's Stormwater Management Ordinance.

**Regulated Impervious Surface** - The total of all impervious coverage added after the adoption date of the municipality's Stormwater Management Ordinance, including the impervious coverage proposed as part of the current Stormwater Management Ordinance.

**Runoff** - Any part of precipitation that flows over the land surface.

### B.3 Description of BMPs

The following is a description of several types of BMPs that could be implemented. The requirements of each BMP as described below are taken directly from the PA BMP Manual. Refer to the PA BMP Manual which can be found on the PA Department of Environmental Protection's website.

#### Rain Barrels/Cisterns

Rain barrels are large containers that collect drainage from roof leaders and temporarily store water to be released to lawns, gardens, and other landscaped areas after the rainfall has ended. Rain barrels are typically between 50 and 200 gallons in size. The stored water can also be used as a non-potable water supply. Cisterns are larger than rain barrels having volumes of 200 gallons or more, and can be placed on the surface or underground. Figures B-2 and B-3 show examples of rain barrels and cisterns, respectively, that could be used. Rain barrels and cisterns are manufactured in a variety of shapes and sizes. All of these facilities must make provisions for the following items:

- There must be a means to release the water stored between storm events in order for the necessary storage volume to be available for the next storm.
- Stormwater must be kept from entering other potable systems, and pipes and storage units must be clearly marked "Do Not Drink."
- An overflow outlet should be placed a few inches below the top with an overflow pipe to divert flow away from structures.
- Use screens to filter debris, and covers (lids) to prevent mosquitoes.
- Make sure cisterns are watertight and do not leak.
- Rain barrels are typically assumed to be 25% full to calculate volume since they are not always emptied before each storm.\*

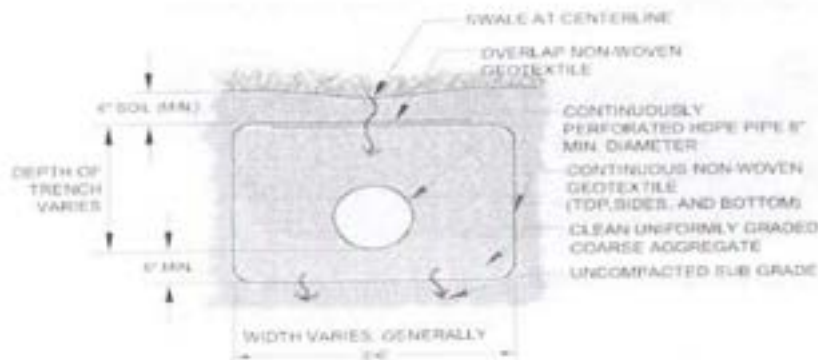
Figure B-2: Rain Barrels



Source (pic on left): <http://www.rfcity.org/Top/Stormwater/YourProperty/YourProperty.htm>  
Source (pic on right): <http://www.floridata.com/tracks/consultant/pedman@rainbarrels.com>

\*This 25% has already been taken into account in Table 3.

Figure B-4: Typical Infiltration Trench



Source: Pennsylvania Stormwater BMP Manual (2006)

### Rain Garden/Bioretention Area

A rain garden (bioretention area) is an excavated depression area on the surface of the land in which native vegetation is planted to filter and use stormwater runoff. Runoff ponds on top of the surface of the rain garden and then infiltrates into an enhanced soil below the surface where plants can use the water to grow. Bioretention also improves water quality, vegetation filters the water, and the root systems encourage or promote infiltration. Figure B-5 shows a typical rain garden. Key elements of a rain garden include:

- Ponding depths of **1 foot** or less (recommended).
- Native vegetation that can tolerate dry and wet weather.
- An overflow area where, if the bioretention area were to overflow, the water would flow over pervious area (i.e., grass, meadow), and would not cause harm to property, or;
- An overflow such as a domed riser to allow excess flow from large storms to travel to other substantial infiltration areas or pervious areas.
- Typical side slopes of 3:1 are recommended, with 2:1 being the maximum.
- The soil/planting mix depth should be between 1.5 feet and 6 feet deep.

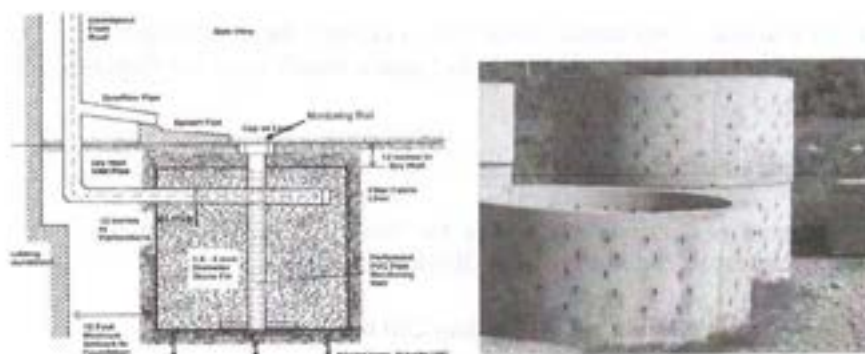
Figure B-5: Typical Rain Garden/Bioretention Area

## Dry Wells

A dry well, also referred to as a seepage pit is a subsurface storage facility that temporarily stores and infiltrates runoff from the roofs of buildings or other impervious surfaces. A dry well can be either a structural prefabricated chamber (Dry Well #1) or an excavated pit filled with stone fill (Dry Well #2). Dry wells discharge the stored runoff via infiltration into the surrounding or underlying soils. Figure B-6 shows a typical prefabricated dry well and a typical dry well configuration with stone fill. The following elements shall be incorporated into all dry well designs:

- These facilities should be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the building foundation to avoid foundation seepage problems and are not recommended if their installation would create a risk for basement flooding.
- Construction of a dry well should be performed after surface soils in all other areas of the site are stabilized to avoid clogging.
- During construction, compaction of the subgrade soil in the bottom of the dry well should be avoided, and construction should be performed only with light machinery.
- Depth of a dry well should be between **1.5 feet and 4 feet**. Gravel fill should consist of stone of an average of one and one half to three (1.5 – 3.0) inches in diameter with the gravel fill wrapped in a nonwoven geotextile that separates the stone fill from the surrounding soil.
- At least 1 foot of soil needs to be placed over the top of the dry well.
- Dry wells should be inspected at least four (4) times annually as well as after large storm events.
- Dry wells should have overflow pipes to allow high volumes of runoff to connect to other on-site substantial infiltration areas or pervious areas.
- Every dry well needs to have at least one monitoring well.
- Infiltration testing is recommended to ensure that the underlying soil is capable of infiltrating the needed volume of stormwater.



Figure B-6: Typical Dry Well Configuration filled with Stone Fill (DRY WELL #2) (Left) and Structural Prefabricated Chamber (DRY WELL #1) (Right)



Source (for pic on left): <http://www.southernstormwater.com/BMPs/ForMarinas.htm>  
 Source (for pic on right): <http://www.caplandscapesolutions.com/1800617.html>

The volume in gallons of the rain barrel/cistern to be used as BMP #1, assuming the rain barrel/cistern is 25% full, is determined by finding the row in Column 3 that corresponds to the impervious area value determined in Step 1. Therefore, the volume of BMP #1, the rain barrel/cistern must be  $\geq 166$  gallons. A combination of rain barrels could be used in succession as shown in Figure B-2, or a cistern could be used.

Table B-5: Example – Calculating Storage Volume for Rain Barrel/Cistern

| Column 1   | Column 2   | Column 3   |
|--|--|--|
| Regulated Impervious Area<br>(square feet)   | Volume of Rain Barrel/Cistern <sup>1</sup><br>(cubic feet) | Volume of Rain Barrel/Cistern<br>(gallons)   |
| $I$  | $V_{RBCI}$   | $V_{RBCI}$   |
| Sum of all Regulated Impervious Areas  | $(1 \cdot (1/12) \cdot I) / 0.75 = V_{RBCI}$               | $V_{RBCI} \cdot 7.48 = V_{RBCI}$   |
| 50   | 6  | 42   |
|  |  | Rain Barrel  |
| 100  | 11   | 83   |
| 150  | 17   | 125  |
| <b>2</b>  |  | <b>3</b>  |
| 200  | 22   | 166  |
| 250  | 28   | 208  |



### **STEPS 2 through 4 for BMP #2 (Infiltration Trench)**

**STEP 2** - Select the impervious area value for BMP #2, the infiltration trench, using Column 1 in Table B-6:

Find the row in Column 1 that is closest to but not less than 740 (200 from the front of the garage + 540 from the driveway). Therefore, the value selected is 750.

**STEP 3** - Determine the volume that BMP #2, the infiltration trench must be to satisfy the volume requirements using Column 2 in Table B-6:

The volume of the infiltration trench to be used as BMP #2, assuming a void ratio of 40%, is determined by finding the row in Column 2 that is in the same row as 750 square feet from Step 2. Therefore, the volume of BMP #2 must be 156 cubic feet.

**STEP 4** - Utilizing the value from Column 2 determined above, and the surface area that the proposed BMP will occupy, identify the proposed depth and corresponding surface area needed using Column 3 in Table B-6:

Joe Homeowner would like to place the infiltration trench along the edge of the driveway that the runoff drains to, so it would have a length of 20 feet. The smallest width that can be used, as stated in the infiltration trench requirements in Section B.3, is 3 feet. Therefore, the area of the infiltration trench is:

$$20 \times 3 = 60 \text{ square feet}$$

To find the minimum depth of the trench, move toward the right side of the table from 156 cubic feet in Column 2 to Column 3, and find the column with a value of as close to but not more than 60 square feet, which is 52 square feet. Then obtain the minimum depth of the facility by reading the depth from the column heading at the top of the table. Therefore, the depth of the trench would need to be 3 feet.

**Selected BMPs: Rain barrel(s)  $\geq$  166 gallons and a 20' L x 3' W x 3' D infiltration trench**

**STEP 5** – Make a sketch of the site plan as shown in Figure B-7, and fill in the simplified method worksheet found as shown in Table B-7.

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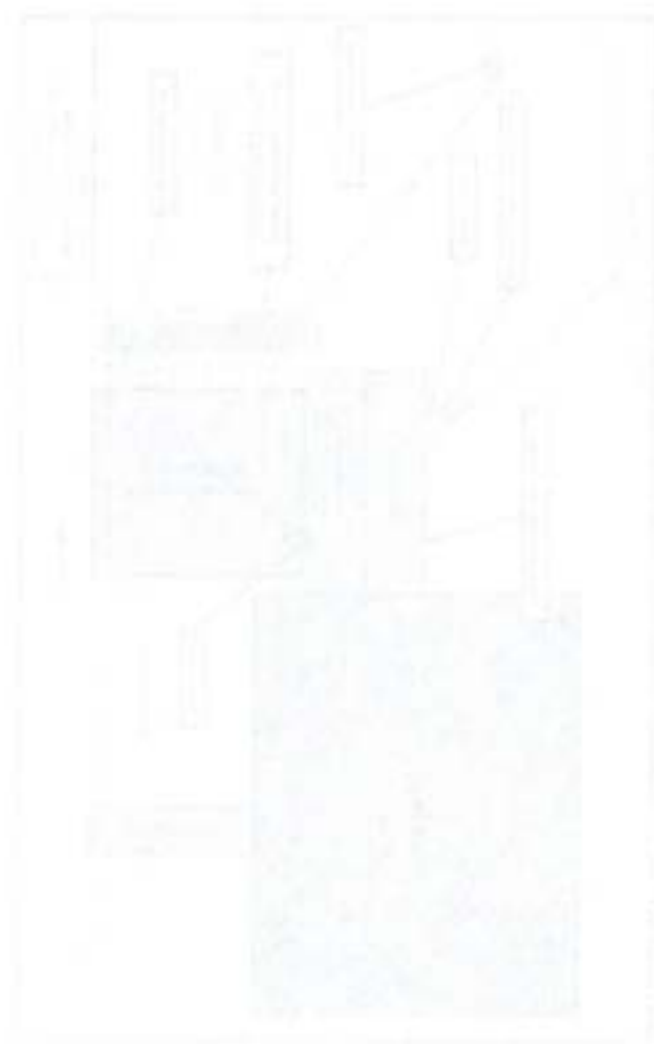




Table B-7: Example – Simplified Method Worksheet with Results

| Simplified Method Worksheet                            |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| STEP 1   |  |  |   |  |
| Proposed Impervious Surface for BMP #1                 | Proposed Impervious Surface for BMP #2   | Proposed Impervious Surface for BMP #3 |   |  |
| 200  | 740                                      |  |   |  |
| STEPS 2&3  |  |  |   |  |
| Rain Barrel or Cistern                                 |  |  |   |  |
| Proposed Impervious Surface from Column 1 in Table B-5 | Volume from Column 2 or 3 in Table B-5   |  |   |  |
| 200  | 166 gallons                              |  |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |
| Rain Garden/Biosetention or Dry Well #1                |  |  |   |  |
| Proposed Impervious Surface from Column 2 in Table B-5 | Volume of BMP from Column 2 in Table B-5 | Area of BMP from Column 3 in Table B-5 | Depth of BMP from Column 3 in Table B-5 | Types of Material to Be Used   |
|  |  |  |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |
| Infiltration Trench or Dry Well #2                     |  |  |   |  |
| Proposed Impervious Surface from Column 2 in Table B-6 | Volume of BMP from Column 2 in Table B-6 | Area of BMP from Column 3 in Table B-6 | Depth of BMP from Column 3 in Table B-6 | Types of Material to Be Used   |
| 740  | 156                                      | 52                                     |   | Infiltration Trench, Uniformly Graded Aggregate, HDPE 8" pipe, geotextile material, grass planted on top |
|  |  |  |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |

Note: For additional BMPs, use additional sheets

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality and the Landowner, its administrators, executors, successors, heirs, or assigns, agree that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Municipality and the protection and maintenance of water quality require that on-site stormwater Best Management Practices be constructed and maintained on the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Landowner is required to inform future buyers of the property about the function of, operation, and maintenance requirements of the BMP or BMPs prior to the purchase of the property by said future buyer, and upon purchase of the property the future buyer assumes all responsibilities as Landowner and must comply with all components of this agreement.

**WHEREAS**, for the purposes of this agreement, the following definition shall apply:

- **BMP** – “Best Management Practice;” activities, facilities, designs, measures, or procedures used to manage stormwater impacts from land development, to protect and maintain water quality and groundwater recharge, and to otherwise meet the purposes of the Municipal Stormwater Management Ordinance, including, but not limited to, infiltration trenches, dry wells, bioretention, rain gardens, permeable paving, rain barrels, and cisterns.

**WHEREAS**, it is required that the BMP or BMPs as shown on the simple sketch plan further referred to as the “Plan” and in accordance with the sizing calculations found on the simplified method worksheet further referred to as the “Calculation Worksheet” be constructed and maintained by the Landowner, its administrators, executors, successors, heirs, or assigns.

- Dry wells that are damaged need to be fixed or replaced within two weeks of being damaged.
- If an intermediate sump box exists in conjunction with a dry well, it must be cleaned out at least once per year.
- Rain barrels and cisterns need to be cleared of debris routinely at least every three months and after significant storms to allow stormwater from gutters to enter them.
- Gutters that directly convey rain water to dry wells, rain barrels, and cisterns need to be routinely cleared of trash and debris at least every three months and after significant storms.
- Rain barrels and cisterns must be kept covered.
- Rain barrels and cisterns should be routinely emptied so that they are only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way full to allow for storage of additional rainwater.
- Overflow outlets from rain barrels and cisterns must be kept free and clear of debris.
- Rain barrels and cisterns that are damaged need to be fixed or replaced within two weeks of being damaged.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the foregoing promises, the mutual covenants contained herein, and the following terms and conditions, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The BMPs shall be constructed by the Landowner in accordance with specifications identified in the Plan and Calculation Worksheet.
2. The Landowner shall operate and maintain the BMP(s) as shown on the Plan in good working order acceptable to the Municipality and in accordance with the specific maintenance requirements outlined in this agreement.
3. The Landowner hereby grants permission to the Municipality, its authorized agents, and employees to enter upon the property at reasonable times and upon presentation of

shall be allowed, the Landowner shall pay all costs and expenses regarding said judgment or claim.

This Agreement shall be recorded at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Pennsylvania, and shall constitute a covenant running with the Property and/or equitable servitude, and shall be binding on the Landowner, his administrators, executors, assigns, heirs, and any other successors in interests, in perpetuity.

APPENDIX C-1  
Sample SWM Site Plan Application and Proposed  
Schedule of Fees  
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APPENDIX D  
Implementation Flow Charts  
[UNCHANGED]

APPENDIX F  
Stormwater Management Design Criteria  
[UNCHANGED]



APPENDIX H  
West Nile Virus Guidance  
[UNCHANGED]

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development practices such as the protection of sensitive and special value features such as wetlands and riparian areas, the preservation of open space while clustering and concentrating development, the reduction of impervious cover, and the disconnection of rooftops from storm sewers. Structural BMPs are those that consist of a physical to capture and treat stormwater runoff. Structural BMPs include, but are not limited to, a wide variety of practices and devices, from large-scale retention ponds and constructed wetlands to small-scale underground treatment systems, infiltration facilities, filter strips, bioretention, wet ponds, permeable paving, grassed swales, riparian buffers, sand filters, detention basins, and manufactured devices. Structural and nonstructural stormwater BMPs are permanent appurtenances to the project Site. Also referred to as Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) and/or Stormwater Management Practice (SMP).

**Conveyance** – As specifically identified in the Plan, a manmade, existing or proposed facility, feature or channel used for the transportation or transmission of stormwater from one place to another, including pipes, drainage ditches, channels and swales (vegetated and other), gutters, stream channels, and like facilities or features. The Conveyances identified in the Plan are permanent appurtenances to the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality requires, through the implementation of the Plan, that stormwater management BMPs as required by said Plan and the municipal Stormwater Management Ordinance be constructed and adequately operated and maintained by the Landowner, his successors, and assigns.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing promises, the mutual covenants contained herein, and the following terms and conditions, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The BMPs shall be constructed by the Landowner in accordance with the plans and specifications identified in the Plan.
2. The Landowner shall operate and maintain the BMP(s) as shown on the Plan in good working order acceptable to the Municipality and in accordance with the specific maintenance requirements noted on the Plan.
3. The Landowner hereby grants permission to the Municipality, its authorized agents, and employees to enter upon the property, at reasonable times and upon presentation of proper identification, to inspect the BMP(s) whenever it deems necessary. Whenever possible, the Municipality shall notify the Landowner prior to entering the Property.
4. In the event that the Landowner fails to operate and maintain the BMP(s) as shown on the Plan in good working order acceptable to the Municipality, the Municipality or its representatives may enter upon the Property and take whatever action is deemed necessary to maintain said BMP(s). This provision shall not be construed to allow the Municipality to erect any permanent structure on the land of the Landowner. It is expressly understood and agreed that the Municipality is under no obligation to maintain or repair said facilities, and in no event shall this Agreement be construed to impose any such obligation on the Municipality.

Landowners must notify the Municipality of BMP(s) and Conveyance(s) that are no longer functioning as designed and must coordinate with the Municipality to determine a schedule to repair or retrofit these systems to restore designed functionality.

This Agreement shall be recorded at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and shall constitute a covenant running with the Property and/or equitable servitude and shall be binding on the Landowner, his administrators, executors, assigns, heirs, and any other successors in interest, in perpetuity.

ATTEST:

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

(SEAL)

For the Municipality:

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(SEAL)

For the Landowner:

\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, Borough, Township)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, Pennsylvania

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, whose commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ whose name(s) is/are signed to the foregoing Agreement bearing date of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, has acknowledged the same before me in my said County and State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)