



ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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To: All Development Community Members, Consultants and Development Design Professionals Practicing in Durham County, NC

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Subject: Letter to Industry 5/1/2018: Durham County Stormwater Construction Drawing Submittals

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to inform Durham County and the Development Community of Stormwater Construction Drawing Review requirements.

Applicability

Per the Durham County Stormwater Ordinance, Sec. 14-156(a): "A Stormwater measures control plan shall be prepared for all-land disturbing activities subject to this article, as defined in section 14-154."

All projects subject to the Durham County Stormwater Ordinance are required to submit Stormwater Construction Drawings to the Durham County Stormwater and Erosion Control Division for review and approval. This includes projects proposing Stormwater conveyance piping, new SCMs, and/or alterations to existing SCMs.

All Stormwater Construction Drawings must be accompanied by the Stormwater Construction Drawing Checklist, plan review fee, and completed Financial Responsibility Form. In addition, projects utilizing existing or proposed Stormwater Control Measures must submit the appropriate SCM Checklist form. All forms are found on the Durham County website, <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/engineering-and-environmental-services/stormwater-and-erosion-control-division>.

Developments demonstrating compliance with the Durham County Stormwater Ordinance through the *use of an existing or proposed Stormwater Control Measure (SCM)* will be required to obtain a Stormwater Permit. Developments demonstrating compliance with the Durham County Stormwater Ordinance without the use of a SCM will not be required to obtain a Stormwater Permit.

“Use of an existing or proposed Stormwater Control Measure” is defined as the following:

- (a) Any proposed change to the drainage area of an existing SCM; or
- (b) Any change to the size, grades, or outlet structure of an existing SCM; or
- (c) Any new SCM proposed for installation.

Timeline Benchmarks

Stormwater Construction Drawings may be submitted to the Durham County Stormwater & Erosion Control Division on or after the date of submittal of the first response to comments in the Site Plan process.

Developments demonstrating compliance with either, the use of an SCM, or without the use of an SCM, shall not construct built upon area or Stormwater conveyance piping until an official Stormwater Construction Drawing Approval Letter has been issued. Failure to begin work without a Letter of Approval may result in a Notice of Violation.

Effective Date

This Letter to Industry will become effective for all projects submitted to the Durham City/County Planning Department with a Site Plan submission date on or after May 1, 2018.

Staff Contact

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