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Greensboro Stormwater Management Manual Update

To all interested parties;

The State of North Carolina has recently issued a new State Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) manual. This manual was issued on July 2, 2007, updated on September 28, 2007 and effective for any plans submitted to the State on October 1, 2007. The City has received a letter from the State which requires us to begin enforcing the new State requirements of the new BMP manual starting **March 1, 2008**. As such, we have revised our local manual, the Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM) that deals with these same issues, to supplement the new State BMP Manual. What this means is that on March 1, 2008, our new SWMM will become effective. This manual incorporates the State Manual by reference to limit confusion between the two documents.

Our schedule is that the **draft SWMM is available for public review and comment until February 5th, 2008**. All comments provided in writing (please e-mail to Virginia Spillman at Virginia.spillman@greensboro-nc.gov), by this date, will be addressed with revisions to the manual as needed. While this document is out for public review and comment, editorial changes will also be in process along with internal staff review. This will enable the effective date of March 1, 2008 to be met so that the City can continue to review plans as a delegate of the State. While City Stormwater Staff anticipates that a variety of comments will be submitted including some that are differences of opinion and perspective on certain issues as presented in the manual, it is our intent to work collaboratively throughout the comment period to address all these issues.

One point worth emphasis is that many of the changes in the manual have already been implemented by the City; specific examples include filter diaphragms, dam safety notes, underground detention, certification forms, etc... This effort of writing the SWMM as a supplement is to capture and consolidate these policies and procedures already in effect with the changes mandated by the State to form a comprehensive document so that designers and other interested parties know where to find the appropriate information for their design situation.

The issuance of this SWMM (March 1, 2008) in combination with the State BMP Manual along with the current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (effective June 18, 2007) and current Storm Drainage Design Manual (last updated January 2007) will represent the current drainage policy in the City. Virginia Spillman, PE is the manager of this project but also feel free to contact me as well with any issues you have regarding the SWMM or City Stormwater Policy in general at Kenney.mcdowell@greensboro-nc.gov.

Regards,

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