NEW JERSEY’S STORMWATER RULES ARE CHANGING!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has published new stormwater management rules that require the use of green infrastructure (GI). This new approach is a paradigm shift in New Jersey stormwater management. Developers long frustrated by a subjective “maximum extent practicable” design standard now have an objective standard that maximizes infiltration, mimicking how nature deals with stormwater.

WHAT DO THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR DEVELOPERS?

- The rules replace a subjective performance standard with an objective standard that requires the use of green infrastructure.
- The rules decentralize stormwater management. A given site plan will have stormwater management features distributed around the site, rather than one large basin.
- Engineers may now “count” infiltration of stormwater through green infrastructure, thus shrinking the footprint of stormwater management practices and potentially increasing developable area on a site.

WHERE DO I LEARN HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW RULES?

- Check out the Developers Green Infrastructure Guide!
- Talk to your engineer and landscape architect.

WHEN DO THE NEW RULES TAKE EFFECT?

The new rules will be in effect beginning March 2, 2021.

Before that date, all municipalities must update their stormwater ordinances.
MAKE THE NEW STORMWATER RULES WORK FOR YOU USING THE DEVELOPERS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GUIDE 2.0

The newly updated Developers Green Infrastructure Guide 2.0 breaks down New Jersey’s Stormwater Rule amendments and helps developers and decision-makers understand green infrastructure options (even for challenging sites), advantages, costs and benefits.

DECISION TREE

Decide which BMP is right for your project using the decision tree.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Convinced that GI won’t work in certain conditions? Learn how to overcome challenging site design issues.

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISONS

Learn how a project can be designed before vs. after the rule change.

CASE STUDIES

Gain insights into decision-making, project value, competitive advantage, challenges, and keys to success.

DEVELOPER BENEFITS

Learn options to create value and reduce costs.

FAQs

Get the facts: clear, simple, and sometimes surprising.

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