

Fact Sheet
Recommendations for Post Development Stormwater Runoff
Performance Standards in Illinois

Objective:

To recommend a performance standard or set of standards to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency from which implementable performance stormwater standards can be adopted to improve water quality in waters of Illinois.

Background:

As development of land increases run-off carrying pollutants increases. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is seeking guidance for stormwater runoff standard recommendations in post-development landscapes in Illinois that will be a surrogate for water quality improvement through the management of stormwater. The rationale is as stormwater is retained, evaporated, or infiltrated it holds contaminants back to settle out and reduces the flashiness of receiving water bodies resulting in less soil erosion, sedimentation, and pollutants which improves water quality.

How Does the Process Work?

This effort is led by the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts through the engagement of a diverse work group of stakeholders with a wide-array of expertise in water quality, engineering, design/build, local, county, state, and federal governments, and environmental advocacy. The process began in the spring of 2012 and will conclude by the spring of 2013. The process is facilitated by a neutral party.

Who is the Work Group?

The Work Group was deliberately comprised of a balanced representation of individuals from a wide-array of entities. Over twenty entities were invited to participate in this year-long effort. The entities selected to participate were selected because of their expertise or the potential that their constituents would be impacted by any new regulations. The following organizations were extended an invitation to participate.

Government Organizations:

- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- U S Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- U S Army Corps of Engineers

Environmental Policy:

- Sierra Club – Illinois Chapter
- Prairie Rivers Network
- Metropolitan Planning Council

How can YOU get involved in the process?

Attend one of two public meetings

Submit your comments, ideas, and concerns through email or mail by
November 23, 2012

Visit the website to get more information, to review the current draft stormwater performance recommendations, and make your comments.

[http://www.aiswcd.org/Programs/PDSWRS WorkGroup.html](http://www.aiswcd.org/Programs/PDSWRS%20WorkGroup.html)

Public Meeting Dates & Places

Thursday, October 18, 2012

1 pm to 4 pm
Sangamo Room
Illinois Environmental
Protection Agency
1021 N. Grand Avenue
Springfield, IL 62794

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

1 pm to 4 pm
North Island Center
Copley Theater
8 East Galena Blvd.
Aurora, IL 60506



4285 North Walnut Street Rd.
Springfield, IL 62707

Local Environmental Non Profit Organizations:

Openlands
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts

User Community:

Home Builders Association of Illinois
Illinois Association of Realtors
City of Aurora
City of Peoria - Engineering Division
Madison County Stormwater Office
Lake County Stormwater Commission
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago
Illinois Municipal League

Consulting Firms:

Geosytec
American Council of Engineering Companies – IL (represented by Crawford, Murphy & Tilly)

What is the Work Group Doing

- ❖ Meeting with other states (Minnesota and Wisconsin) to learn how they developed stormwater performance standards.
- ❖ Reviewing the Illinois Green Infrastructure Report
- ❖ Working with federal and state technical advisors.
- ❖ Looking at areas in Illinois where a Stormwater Run-off Performance Standard would apply – state-wide, urban areas, urban clusters, where growth is expected, and sensitive watersheds.
- ❖ Recommending threshold size of sites.
- ❖ Considering approaches for documenting and evaluating compliance.
- ❖ Reviewing and recommending how post construction sites will be maintained after development or redevelopment.
- ❖ Recommending possible effective dates of the standard.
- ❖ The Work Group is split into four teams to address specific aspects of the recommended standard(s):
 - Applicability
 - Requirements
 - Green Infrastructure and Design/Incentives
 - Maintenance and Enforcement

What can you do?

- ❖ Review the most current ***Draft Framework for Stormwater Performance Recommendations*** visit: http://aiswcd.org/PDSWRS_WorkGroup/PDSWRS_Table_Contents/Performance_Standards.html
- ❖ Come to one of two public meetings on October 18 or 23 to learn more and visit with Work Group members. The Work Group recommendations will be presented at the public meetings and they are seeking public comments on these recommendations.