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UPDATED STORMWATER RULE. UPDATED GUIDANCE.



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# NEW JERSEY'S STORMWATER RULES ARE CHANGING!

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has updated the Stormwater Management Rule (N.J.A.C. 7:8) as part of the regulatory reform process known as New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats (NJ PACT). The new rules were adopted in July 2023 as part of the Inland Flood Protection Rule and require Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be designed to manage runoff from both current and future storms. The rules will be further amended as part of Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL), anticipated to be released in 2024.

## WHAT DO THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR DEVELOPERS?

- ➔ Stormwater BMPs must be designed to manage runoff from both current and future storms using climate informed data.
- ➔ The rules require the use of current and future precipitation adjustment factors for the 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year design storm determined for each NJ county.
- ➔ The precipitation adjustment factors are based on New Jersey specific studies by the Northeast Regional Climate Center which confirmed increases in precipitation across New Jersey over the last 20 years, and projects further increases in precipitation intensity through the end of this century.
- ➔ The rule change removes the use of the Rational and Modified Rational Methods for stormwater calculations.

## 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.
- ➔ View important resources on NJDEP's website ([dep.nj.gov/stormwater](http://dep.nj.gov/stormwater)): full text of the Stormwater Rules, revised chapters of the Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual, revised model stormwater ordinances, and a set of Frequently Asked Questions.

## WHEN DO THE NEW RULES TAKE EFFECT?

**The new rules will be in full effect beginning July 16, 2024.**

Before that date, all municipalities must update their stormwater ordinances.

All projects that require NJDEP approval must adhere to the updated rule, regardless of the timing of a local stormwater ordinance update.



## 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 more clearly green infrastructure options and advantages, compare alternatives, evaluate 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 pre-rule change vs. post-rule change.

### CASE STUDIES



Gain insights into decisionmaking, 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.