

Staff Responses to Council Questions

April 5, 2016

First Reading

A. Information: Stormwater Utility Discussion - Committee Room

What changes have been made to the municipal code related to stormwater since 2012?

In 2012, the Village adopted the revised Countywide Stormwater and Flood Plain ordinance to maintain the Village's status as a full-waiver community.

The agenda item is located here:

http://www.downers.us/public/docs/agendas/2012/05-08-12/ORD00-04889_STORMWATERORDINACE.pdf

In general, the ordinance removed requirements based on zoning and based instead on calculations of new impervious area, removed penalty for reducing impervious areas or improving streams and allowed an option for detention and best management practices to be combined into the same area in a project.

What were the significant differences from the prior ordinance?

- Residential: slight change
 - More discretion allowed to reduce the complexity of submittals
 - Streamlining of small projects such as sheds and patios
 - BMP requirements were clarified (specific easements may not be required)
- Commercial: significant change
 - Removal of disincentive to reduce impervious area
 - Submittal requirements clearly indicated within the Ordinance
 - Clarification of wetland and riparian buffers
 - Confirmation of Municipal Engineer's group as advisory to County SW Committee
 - Creation of a Municipal Technical Advisory Panel to provide a venue to advise County Stormwater Administrator

8/20/2013

Adopted additional text amendments as required by the county, which clarified Best Management Practices and also clarified the Village's LPDA language to match the county ordinance language for flood plains.

12/9/2014

Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance Update (Chapters 13 and 26)

Lowered the threshold for providing on-site post-construction best management practices (stormwater detention and water quality) for new development from 2,500 square feet of new impervious surface to 700 square feet. In addition changes were approved to Chapter 13 that more clearly described a nuisance created by sump pump and downspout discharges.

What impact have the projects completed since 2008 had on the percentage of the Village protected to the 95% service level?

Staff estimates that 1,100 properties were positively impacted by the projects completed since 2008. This means that during that timeframe, the Village improved from 85% of properties at the Recommended Level of Service to 90% of properties at the Recommended Level of Service.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no online rEmarks.