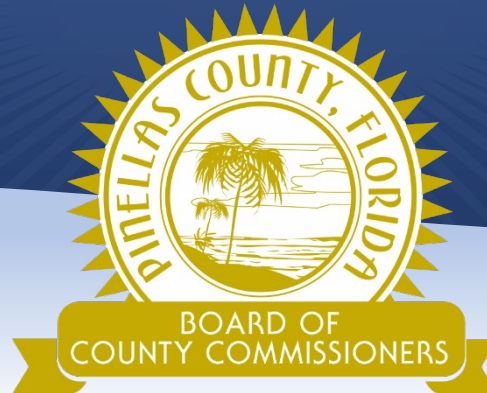


Pinellas County Stormwater Manual Amendments

Case #LDR-24-03

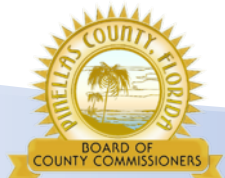
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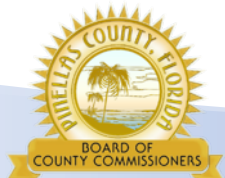
Background

- **Board of County Commissioners adopted the Stormwater Manual on February 21, 2017 outlining the requirements for stormwater management within unincorporated Pinellas County for both public and private projects**
- **Stormwater Manual was subsequently amended with an updated adoption of November 1, 2021**
- **Since 2021, feedback on the Stormwater Manual regulations has been described as restrictive and inflexible by specific stakeholders**



Background (cont.)

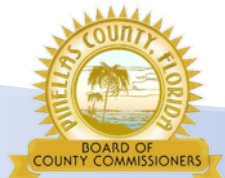
- **Stakeholder feedback has focused on improving the “ease of use”, greater flexibility, reducing costs associated with stormwater management and relief to smaller scale land development projects**
- **In response to stakeholder feedback, a peer review of the manual was performed by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) and completed in July 2023**
- **The peer review provided for a suite of recommended updates to the manual including new exemptions, expanded flexibility, incentivizing green infrastructure and numerous technical updates**



Proposed Highlights Of Manual Update



- **New small site exemption (parcels 1 acre or less)**
- **New single family exemption for large properties (1 acre and larger)**
- **Expand and increase thresholds for Administrative Adjustments (e.g.- up to 20% decrease in water quality for large sites w/additional landscape area dedicated to incorporation of green infrastructure)**
- **Modify standards for exfiltration systems and trench design**
- **Modify methodology for stormwater runoff calculations based on size of site**



Recommendation

- **Proposed updates are consistent with the VHB peer review recommendations**
- **Updates include important input from external stakeholders and collaborative review between Public Works and Development Review Services**
- **Update will result in relief to small scale land development projects, large lot single family residential projects, greater design & construction flexibility to all projects and construction cost savings**
- **Development Review Committee recommends Approval**
- **Local Planning Agency – recommended approval (6-0 vote)**
- **This is the second of two required BCC public hearings**

