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Proposed changes to Pinellas Stormwater code (from DCAG)

To my knowledge there is not a legal reason that Pinellas County cannot be less restrictive than SWFWMD, however, for this initial baby step, will try to mimic their exemption rule.

Comments/Suggestions ??

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Proposed Change to Stormwater Code

Changes to the current Stormwater Manual are required to mitigate the stifling economic damage on smaller project created by the nutrient removal code and provide some regulatory relief.

Current Exemption

3.5.1. Exemptions

1. Projects involving construction of less than **3,000** square feet of impervious and semi-impervious surface. The cumulative construction area and activity will be tracked based on the project or parcel. The applicant will only be allowed to apply this threshold to a cumulative construction area not exceeding **3,000 SF**. For purposes of this exemption, gravel or shell, uncompacted and not subject to vehicular use, is not included in determining the area of impervious and semi-impervious surface.
2. Single family residences not part of a larger plan of development unless they exceed **10,000** square feet of impervious surface.

Proposed Exemption

3.5.1. Exemptions

1. Projects involving construction of less than **9,000** square feet of impervious and semi-impervious surface. The cumulative construction area and activity will be tracked based on the project or parcel. The applicant will only be allowed to apply this threshold to a cumulative construction area not exceeding **9,000 SF**. For purposes of this exemption, gravel or shell, uncompacted and not subject to vehicular use, is not included in determining the area of impervious and semi-impervious surface.
2. Single family residences not part of a larger plan of development unless they exceed **20,000** square feet of impervious surface.

Current SWFWMD Exemption for reference

(2) Unless the activity qualifies under subsection (1), above, a permit is required prior to the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, or abandonment of any project that, by itself or in combination with an activity conducted after October 1, 2013, cumulatively results in any of the following:

- (a) Any project in, on, or over wetlands or other surface waters;
- (b) A total of more than 4,000 square feet of impervious and semi-impervious surface areas subject to vehicular traffic;
- (c) A total of more than **9,000 square feet of impervious and semi-impervious surface area;**
- (d) A total project area of more than five acres;
- (e) A capability of impounding more than 40 acre-feet of water;
- (f) Any dam having a height of more than 10 feet, as measured from the lowest elevation of the downstream toe to the dam crest;
- (g) Any project that is part of a larger common plan of development or sale;
- (h) Any dry storage facility storing 10 or more vessels that is functionally associated with a boat launching area;
- (i) Any project exceeding the thresholds in section 1.2 (District-specific thresholds) of the applicable Volume II, or

(j) Any modification or alteration of a project previously permitted under part IV of chapter 373, F.S.