

City of Poulsbo

Planning & Economic Development



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) WAC 197-11-970

2016 NPDES Permit Code Amendment Package **Adopt DOE 2012 Stormwater Management Manual (as amended 2014)** **and amend various sections of the Poulsbo Municipal Code to incorporate** **Low Impact Development (LID) principles and best management practices**

Planning File: 2016 NPDES Permit Code Amendment Package

Applicant: City of Poulsbo, Engineering Department, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Location of Proposal: Amendments included in the 2016 NPDES Permit Code Amendment Package are found in the Poulsbo Municipal Code and City's Construction Standards. See details under "Description of Proposal" below.

Description of Proposal: The City has prepared an amendment package to various sections of the Poulsbo Municipal Code in order to adopt the Department of Ecology 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington as amended in December 2014; and amendments to development regulations in order to incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) principles and best management practices. Both of these are requirements of the Washington Department of Ecology and must be completed by December 31, 2016.

The Draft Poulsbo Municipal Code Amendments Package to adopt the 2014 DOE Stormwater Manual and amendments to incorporate LID principles and best management practices, overview memo and public participation plan are attached to this email and are available at the link below. All pertinent documents will be posted to this link as the public review process progresses:

<http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/publicworks/PoulsboMunicipalCodeDraftTitle14.04-TransportationConcurrency.htm>

The 2014 Manual represents a shift in the development process which puts an emphasis on protecting areas which are well suited to handling stormwater. The 2014 Manual requires that all projects shall complete LID feasibility analysis and implement LID best management practices to the extent feasible. The primary LID principles and BMPs to be incorporated are: (1) Measures to minimize impervious surfaces; (2) Measures to minimize loss of native vegetation; and (3) Other measures to minimize stormwater runoff. Conventional stormwater management has led to large storm facilities in one location; the 2014 Manual will result in more numerous but smaller facilities which may look more natural. Installation of rain gardens on individual lots, bioretention areas near parking lot islands, pervious driveways, and infiltration areas will take precedence over the use of conventional systems. The purpose of the code updates is to remove barriers to LID implementation within City codes and standards. Some LID features and facilities are not supported by staff, for example pervious public roadways, due to a number of reasons including maintenance and safety issues.

Six municipal code sections and portions of the City construction standards were identified as part of the LID code review process. In general these amendments and revisions serve to allow LID and clarify where and what type of facility is acceptable. In addition, some non-LID stormwater code revisions to PMC 13.16 and 13.17 are included which provide clarifications, procedural revisions, and compatibility with the current NPDES Permit.

A summary of all amendments is in the following table. The full package should be reviewed for specific revision and amendment language.

SUMMARY OF LID AMENDMENTS

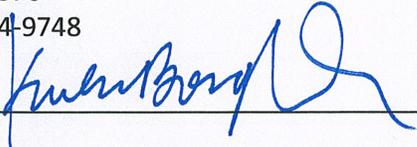
Amd. #	PMC Section to be Amended	Title/Topic	Summary of Proposed Change
1	12.02 Construction and Development Standards	Adopt 2014 DOE Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington	Adds 2014 DOE Stormwater Management Manual and deletes manuals and sections no longer relevant
2	13.16 Storm Drainage Utility	Storm Drainage Utility/ Use of Funds	Adds clarification that funds support NPDES Permit compliance
3	13.17 Stormwater Management	Requirement for LID and General Stormwater Management Requirements	Makes LID the preferred and commonly used approach to site development; identifies additional amendments
4	15.35 Clearing & Grading	15.35.060 Application Required	Adds soils and infiltration areas that are to be protected to the required site plan content
		15.35.073 (new) Protection Measures	Add measures to be used to protect site features that support LID
5	16.20 Critical Areas	16.20.235.F Low Impact Development	Clarifies when storm water facilities and LID BMPs are allowed in wetland buffers
6	18 Zoning	18.130.040 Landscaping/ General Provisions	When feasible, LID features can be integrated into landscape plans
		18.130.050 Landscaping/ Installation	Compost amended soil required
		18.180.030 Tree Retention/ Retention required	Retention of conifers is a priority for preservation
7	City Construction Standards	Section 2 – Streets; Section 5 – Storm; Appendix A – Standard drawing notes	Numerous references to the use of the 2014 manual, reduction of hard surfaces, maintenance issues

Lead Agency: City of Poulsbo

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

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You may appeal this determination in writing to the responsible official listed above no later than 10 working days from the date of this notice.

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the responsible official to read or ask about the procedure for SEPA appeals.