

Proposed Code Amendment

The following is an excerpt from PMC 18.260, Planned Residential Developments, Open Space Requirements (PMC 18.260.090). Proposed revisions are included under ~~red underline or strikeout~~.

- H. Stormwater management facilities may contribute to a project's required open space amount under the following circumstances:
1. For projects that utilize low impact development (LID) techniques for their stormwater management, the planning director may consider on a case-by-case basis, with demonstration that the LID technique will beneficially contribute to a project's open space and/or landscaping and can be maintained and operated as passive open space, allowing an area of the LID technique to contribute towards the project's passive open space requirement.
 2. For projects that utilize stormwater vaults, the top of the vault may be proposed to also serve as an active recreational amenity (i.e., sport court, playground, etc.), if grade and landscaping provide for a usable area. Vaults are owned and maintained by the City of Poulsbo and the amenity shall meet the following requirements: ~~The area proposed to serve as the active amenity can therefore contribute toward the open space requirement:~~
 - i. Its size is found to accommodate the preferred amenity and surrounding development. Generally, to be considered, the top of the vault shall be a minimum of a quarter of an acre;
 - ii. It is readily accessible to the general public;
 - iii. The amenity (type of sport court, playground, etc.) is reviewed and approved by the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department;
 - iv. Parking is provided per PMC 18.100.030; and
 - v. The amenity is fully installed by the applicant, including associated landscaping and signage as determined to be necessary.

b. If the active amenity on top of the vault contributes towards the open space requirement, the applicant may receive a credit towards Park Impact Fees per PMC 3.84, The amount of the credit will be determined during application review.
- A. Open space areas not proposed to be improved with recreational amenities or purposes shall remain as natural vegetation or landscaped with groundcover, shrubs and trees consistent with the type and location of open space. Removal of natural vegetation in preserved and approved open space shall only be permitted for public safety reasons and upon review and approval of the planning director and city arborist. Enhancement of critical area buffer vegetation shall be as allowed and prescribed in Chapter 16.20, Critical Areas.