

Is construction erosion control part of a SWMP?

An erosion control plan is one of the components of a SWMP. In most cases, the erosion control plan will also be subject to review by the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service.) Standard E&S land disturbance fees will apply (\$80 per disturbed acre – ½ to EPD, ½ to the local issuing authority.) If required by NPDES regulations, an NOI (Notice of Intent) must also be submitted to the EPD.

Who is responsible for maintenance of the stormwater facilities?

In general, stormwater management facilities must be maintained by the property owner. An inspection and maintenance agreement shall be executed for all private on-site stormwater management facilities prior to the approval of the Final Plat or issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. More information on the maintenance of stormwater facilities can be found in Section 14-79 of the Whitfield County Code of Ordinances.

Is there a fee to submit a SWMP and where is the fee paid?

Whitfield County charges a fee to review all submitted SWMPs. The fee is based on the County's fee schedule and will vary based on the project size and scope, similar to building permit fees. The average estimated fee per SWMP is about \$500. This fee will be paid directly to Whitfield County Engineers.

There is also an estimated fee of \$250 for review of the required as-built survey that is performed after implementation of the SWMP on site. This fee will be paid to the County.

Where can I get more information?

Complete information on SWMPs can be found in the **Whitfield County Storm Water Ordinance and the Storm Water Local Design Manual** at www.whitfieldcountyga.com

Other handouts that may also be helpful:

- HANDY GUIDE TO THE BUILDING PERMITTING PROCESS
- PROCEDURES FOR ACQUIRING A RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT
- INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS



Storm Water Facts

Does your project require a Storm Water Management Plan?

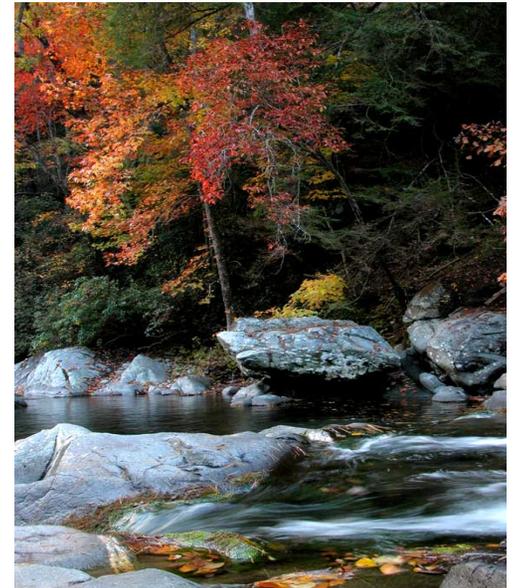


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We want to help make Storm Water compliance easy. Here are some frequently asked questions:

When is a storm water management plan (SWMP) required?

A SWMP is required for any of the following activities:

1. **New development** that involves the creation of five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of impervious cover, or that involves other land development activities of one (1) acre or more.
2. **Redevelopment** including the creation, addition, or replacement of five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of impervious cover, or involving other land development activity of one (1) acre or more.
3. **Any new development or redevelopment**, regardless of size, defined as a “hotspot” land use as defined in the Whitfield County Stormwater Local Design Manual (LDM).
4. **Land development** activities which are smaller than the minimum applicability criteria set forth in items 1 and 2 above if such activities are part of a larger common plan of development, even though multiple, separate, and distinct land development activities may take place at different times and on different schedules.
5. **Activities** which lie within a special drainage district as defined in the Whitfield County Stormwater LDM and are regulated by the provisions of the special drainage district.

Is my project exempt?

Some projects are exempt from submitting a SWMP, including agricultural and forestry land management projects, most single family dwellings, and others. A complete list of qualifying exemptions can be found in Section 14-75 of the Whitfield County Code of Ordinances, which can be viewed on the County website.

What is a SWMP?

A SWMP normally contains the following items:

1. A completed SWMP application form and supporting documentation (blank application form is available for download on the County’s website).
2. Scaled plans showing the existing and proposed conditions at the property.
3. Hydrologic and hydraulic calculations for the existing and proposed conditions at the property.
4. Detailed plans and supporting calculations for the structural best management practices being proposed at the property to meet requirements for storm water quantity and quality management.
5. An as-built survey to be performed once a SWMP has been approved and the stormwater facilities constructed on site

The guidelines for preparing SWMPs can be found in the Whitfield County Stormwater LDM, which can be viewed on the County website at www.whitfieldcountyga.com.

Who can prepare a SWMP?

SWMPs must be prepared under the supervision of and certified by a Professional Engineer, Professional Land Surveyor, or Registered Landscape Architect with competency in Hydrology and Hydraulics, currently registered in the State of Georgia and who shall keep at all times in full force and effect Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance Coverage of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

To whom should a SWMP be submitted?

Whitfield County Engineers is currently reviewing submitted SWMPs. An electronic copy of your SWMP should be submitted by e-mail to this address: chester@whitfieldcountyga.com. The SWMP may be in the form of an AutoCAD file or a PDF file. Upon review, the SWMP may require revision before approval to proceed is granted by the County.

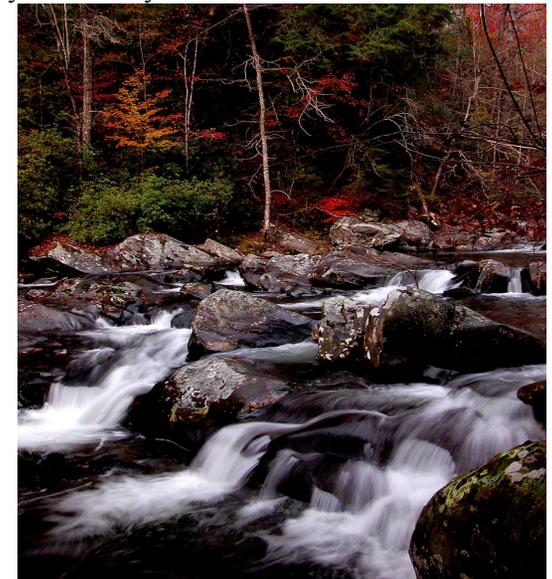


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