

## Summary of Changes to the Seattle Stormwater Code

### March 2020 Public Review Draft Stormwater Code

- Added clarification regarding which minimum requirements apply to specific land disturbing activities
- Added clarification regarding basin plans and managing stormwater requirements at an alternative location
- Added and updated definitions
- Updated terminology and BMP references based on proposed revisions to Volume 2 (Construction Stormwater Control) and Volume 4 (Source Control)
- Updated on-site lists for all project types
- Clarified wetland protection standards based on updated guidance from Ecology
- Added a new category and submittal requirements for preliminary drainage review

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<b>22.800 – Title, Scope, Authority</b>			
22.800.040 – Exemptions, Adjustments, and Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added clarification regarding land disturbing activities that are not required to comply with all of the minimum requirements</li> <li>• Added detail regarding remediation projects and structural stormwater control projects</li> <li>• Added clause that additional source controls may be required in the combined sewer if activities pose a hazard</li> </ul>		
22.800.080 – Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added clarification regarding receiving water drainage basin plans</li> <li>• Added clarification regarding managing flow control, water quality treatment, on-site stormwater management or wetlands protection requirements at an alternative location or by contributing funds</li> </ul>		
22.800.100 – Transition to Revised Stormwater Code	Added clarification regarding utility installations		
<b>22.801 – Definitions</b>			
22.801.020 – “A”	Updated “Aquatic life use” definition to add marine waters		
22.801.040 – “C”	Minor edits to “Construction Stormwater Control Plan” definition		
22.801.050 – “D”	Expanded “Development” definition		
22.801.060 – “E”	Updated “Effective impervious surface” to “Effective hard surface”		
22.801.130 – “L”	Formatting revisions to “Large project” definition		

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22.801.140 – “M”	Updated “Master use permit” definition to refer to 23.84A.025		
22.801.150 – “N”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added “New hard surface” definition</li> <li>• Added “New impervious surface” definition</li> <li>• Added “Non-listed creeks” definition</li> </ul>		
22.801.170 – “P”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated “Pollution-generating impervious surface” definition, including adding “rail lines, railways, and rail yards” as pollution-generating</li> <li>• Updated “Project” definition</li> <li>• Updated “Project site” definition</li> </ul>		
22.801.190 – “R”	Added definition of “down to foundation” to “replaced hard surface” and “replaced impervious surface” definitions		
22.801.200 – “S”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated “Sidewalk project” definition</li> <li>• Updated “Single-family residential project” definition</li> <li>• Updated “Site” definition</li> </ul>		
<b>22.802 – Prohibited and Permissible Discharges</b>			
22.802.010 through 22.802.040	No edits		
<b>22.803 – Minimum Requirements for All Discharges and All Real Property</b>			
22.803.030 – Minimum Requirements for Source Controls for All Real Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised BMP names</li> <li>• Added new BMPs for Source Controls for All Real Property</li> </ul>		
22.803.040 – Minimum Requirements for Source Controls For Businesses and Public Entities for Specific Activities	Removed clause stating that these requirements did not apply to [businesses and public entities] that drain only to the public combined sewer		

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<b>22.805 – Minimum Requirements for Projects</b>			
22.805.010 – General	Added general requirements for closely related projects; master use permits requiring Preliminary Drainage Control Review; and stormwater facilities that will serve multiple proposed lots, parcels, or tracts		
22.805.020 – Minimum requirements for all projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modified terminology for “Minimum Requirements for Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan” for consistency with Ecology</li> <li>• Clarified requirements for protecting wetlands</li> <li>• Added Chapter 22.803 reference to requirement to install source control BMPs for businesses and public entities</li> </ul>		
22.805.030 – Minimum Requirements for Single-Family Residential Projects	Changed “reduced” to “altered” when a lot is amended		
22.805.040 – Minimum Requirements for Trail and Sidewalk Projects	No edits		
22.805.050 – Minimum Requirements for Parcel-Based Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changed “reduced” to “altered” when a lot is amended</li> <li>• Clarified requirements for protecting wetlands</li> <li>• Updated “effective impervious surface” to “effective hard surface”</li> <li>• Added thresholds for converting vegetation and increasing runoff during 100-year recurrence interval flow frequency</li> </ul>		
22.805.060 – Minimum Requirements for Roadway Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changed threshold from “new plus replaced hard surface” to “new hard surface”</li> <li>• Updated “effective impervious surface” to “effective hard surface”</li> <li>• Added thresholds for converting vegetation and increasing runoff during 100-year recurrence interval flow frequency</li> </ul>		

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22.805.070 – Minimum Requirements for On-Site Stormwater Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added clarification that tables apply to roofs and other hard surfaces</li> <li>• Added clarification for public health and safety standards</li> <li>• Added that Infiltration Trenches and Drywells can be used for non-roof hard surfaces, but is not required (applies to Single-family Residential Projects and Parcel-based Projects)</li> <li>• Moved Non-infiltrating Bioretention and Vegetated Roofs to Category 4 (shifted former Category 4 BMPs to Category 5) (applies to Single-family Residential Projects and Parcel-based Projects)</li> <li>• Added that water quality treatment BMPs can be used in lieu of non-infiltrating bioretention for surfaces discharging to designated receiving waters.</li> <li>• Updated terminology to “Trees” instead of “Newly Planted Trees”</li> <li>• Clarified “S” footnote</li> <li>• Added new Category 2 BMP – Sidewalk / Trail Compost Amended Strip (applies to all On-site Lists)</li> <li>• Added trees to a new Category 4 (applies to Trail and Sidewalk Projects and Roadway Projects)</li> </ul>		
22.805.080 – Minimum Requirements for Flow Control	Clarified wetland protection standards based on updated guidance from Ecology		
22.805.090 – Minimum Requirements for Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated “impervious surface” to “hard surface”</li> <li>• Added reference to marine waters for enhanced treatment</li> <li>• Updated enhanced treatment requirements for parcel-based projects including projects that construct four or more dwelling units</li> </ul>		
<b>22.807 – Drainage Control Review and Application Requirements</b>			
22.807.020 – Drainage control review and application requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added a new category and submittal requirements for preliminary drainage review</li> <li>• Updated thresholds and terminology for standard drainage review</li> <li>• Modified “Large project drainage control review” to “Comprehensive drainage review”</li> </ul>		
<b>22.808 – Stormwater Code Enforcement</b>			
22.808.010 through 22.808.140	No edits		