

Frequently Asked Questions About Stormwater Permanent Treatment Practices

1. What is a Permanent Treatment Practice or Stormwater Control Measure?
 - a. A Permanent Treatment Practice (PTP) or Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) is a structure or practice that allows for treatment of stormwater to remove sediment before it leaves your property. Some examples include detention ponds, permeable pavement, grassy swales, bioretention area, or an underground water quality unit. These are also referred as BMPs (best management practices.)



Bioretention area



Underground Water Quality Unit



Detention Pond

2. Who is responsible for the maintenance of these SCMs?
 - a. The property owner is responsible for maintaining any SCMs on their parcel. This obligation is something that was agreed upon when the parcel was developed. It is outlined and codified in a signed stormwater detention agreement. This document is attached to the parcel with a deed. It remains on the property, and transfers to the new owners if ownership changes. More recently developed parcels will also have a deeded Inspection and Maintenance Agreement.
3. How can I get a copy of my Stormwater Detention Agreement or Inspection and Maintenance Agreement?
 - a. These documents are available through the Register of Deeds.
<http://www.nashville.gov/Register-of-Deeds.aspx>
You may also call Anneli TerryNelson in the Metro Water Services Stormwater Division at 615-880-2420.
4. What happens if I do not maintain my SCM?
 - a. Firstly, failure to maintain your SCM will result in non-compliance with your stormwater agreement, and as such may result in enforcement.
 - b. Secondly, failure to maintain your SMC may result in the structure or practice not functioning correctly and ultimately failing, which could create an increased repair cost. This could produce a release of sediment from your property into the storm sewer system and ultimately a stream. As such, this would be considered pollution and would result in enforcement due to lack of maintenance.

5. Do I need to submit an annual report?
 - a. If your site was developed before mid-2007, you are required to maintain your PTPs, but you do not need to submit an annual report.
 - b. If your site was developed after mid-2007, it will have a long term maintenance plan within the maintenance agreement document. This agreement outlines the owner's inspection and maintenance responsibilities, including the requirement to submit an annual report by July 1 of each year.
 - c. If your site was developed after the beginning of 2014, you will need to submit an annual report. Additionally, you must have your PTPs inspected every 5 years by a qualified professional, and that report must be submitted to our office. The time is calculated from the date your site received its final grading permit sign-off.

6. What is included in an annual report?
 - a. You may submit your most recent completed checklist (one for each of the practices on your property) as your annual report. We recommend you also take photographs to help document changes over time, and to show when maintenance work has been completed.

7. Where do I send my annual report?
 - a. You can email it to anneli.terrynelson@nashville.gov
 - b. You can fax it to 615-880-2425
 - c. You can mail it to
Stormwater-NPDES
1607-A County Hospital Road
Nashville, TN 37218

8. Where can I read the regulations that outline these requirements?
 - a. Metro's Stormwater Regulations can be found here:
<http://www.nashville.gov/Water-Services/Developers/Stormwater-Review/Stormwater-Management-Manual/Regulations.aspx>
Look at Chapter 6, section 6.7 (page 8), and Appendix C.

9. Who can I speak with if I have more questions?
 - a. Call Anneli TerryNelson or Rebecca Dohn at 880-2420.

