



### Permit & Development Center

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As part of its effort to improve the quality of local waterways and to meet federal and state water quality requirements, the City of Milwaukee has adopted an ordinance governing how stormwater runoff must be controlled. Among other things, this ordinance requires that a Stormwater Management Plan be submitted when development or redevelopment activities:

1. Cause a land disturbing activity of one (1) acre or more.
2. Cause the cumulative area of all land disturbing activities at a property to be one (1) acre or more over a 3-year period.
3. Cause an increase of 0.5 acres or more of impervious area

No building permit will be issued until the City Engineer has approved the required Stormwater Management Plan.

A Stormwater Management Plan addresses the effects of the proposed project on the volume and quality of stormwater runoff. Plans consist of a 5-page application along with drawings showing the existing and proposed conditions of the site. The original application must be signed and stamped by a registered professional engineer. An original and four copies of the entire application must be submitted to the Milwaukee Development Center, located on the 1st floor at 809 N. Broadway. Plans also may be submitted directly to the Public Works Department's Environmental Engineering Section (Zeidler Municipal Building, 841 N. Broadway, Room 820).

Copies of the Stormwater Management Plan application and the Stormwater Management ordinance are available at no cost from the Department of Public Works in Room 820. Detailed information on completing the application can be found in the "[Green Streets Stormwater Management Plan](#)".

The Environmental Engineering section reviews applications within 15 working days, at which time the plan is approved, rejected, or additional information requested. When additional information is required, the preparer of the application is so notified. There is then another 15 working day period for review of the additional information. Depending upon how long it takes to submit any required additional information, the entire approval process for Stormwater Management Plans generally takes 5 to 6 weeks from the initial submission date.

Anyone who may require a Stormwater Management Plan as part of a development proposal is encouraged to contact the Environmental Engineering section at (414) 286-0514.