

# Administrative Procedures – Proposed Coversheet

## Instructions:

In accordance with Title 3 Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the “Rule on Rulemaking” adopted by the Office of the Secretary of State, this proposed filing will be considered complete upon the submission and acceptance of the following components:

- Proposed Rule Coversheet
- Adopting Page
- Economic Impact Statement
- Public Input Statement
- Scientific Information Statement (if applicable)
- Incorporated by Reference Statement (if applicable)
- Clean text of the rule (Amended text without annotation)
- Annotated text (Clearly marking changes from previous rule)

All forms requiring a signature shall be original signatures of the appropriate adopting authority or authorized person, and all filings are to be submitted at the Office of the Secretary of State, no later than 3:30 pm on the last scheduled day of the work week.

The data provided in text areas of the proposed coversheet form will be used to generate a notice of rulemaking in the newspapers of record. Publication of notices will be charged back to the promulgating agency based on the word count of the notices.

**Certification Statement:** As the adopting Authority of this rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 801 (b) (11) for a definition), I approve the contents of this filing entitled:

**Rule Title:** 2017 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual Rule

W Mark, on Aug. 29, 2016  
 (signature) (date)

Printed Name and Title:

Deb Markowitz, Secretary  
Agency of Natural Resources

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- ICAR Approval received by E-mail.

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

2017 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual Rule

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Agency of Natural Resources

3. PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:

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<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater>

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*(A SPECIFIC PERSON FROM WHOM COPIES OF FILINGS MAY BE REQUESTED OR WHO MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT FORMS SUBMITTED FOR FILING IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON).*

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5. RECORDS EXEMPTION INCLUDED WITHIN RULE:

*(DOES THE RULE CONTAIN ANY PROVISION DESIGNATING INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL; LIMITING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE; OR OTHERWISE EXEMPTING IT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING?)* No

IF YES, CITE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EXEMPTION:

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE REASON FOR THE EXEMPTION:

6. LEGAL AUTHORITY / ENABLING LEGISLATION:

*(THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY OR LEGAL CITATION FROM SESSION LAW INDICATING WHO THE ADOPTING ENTITY IS AND THUS WHO THE SIGNATORY SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC CITATION NOT A CHAPTER CITATION).*

10 V.S.A. § 1264(b)(13)

**7. CONCISE SUMMARY (150 WORDS OR LESS):**

The existing 2002 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual (VSMM) was adopted as a rule via statute (Act 109 of 2002, 10 V.S.A. § 1264(e)(1)). Under 10 V.S.A. § 1264(b)(13), the VSMM shall be adopted and amended by rule. This rulemaking will update the VSMM to incorporate important advances in the field of stormwater management. Changes to the VSMM include:

1. Updates to the Water Quality, Groundwater Recharge, Channel Protection Volume, Overbank Flood Protection, and Extreme Flood Protection Treatment Standards;
2. Alternatives to the Channel Protection Volume Treatment Standard;
3. Incorporation of the Soil Depth and Quality Standard;
4. Incorporation of the Runoff Reduction Framework in design guidance;
5. Integration of Green Stormwater Infrastructure concepts such as permeable pavement, green roofs, reforestation, and rainwater harvesting;
6. Expansion of the treatment requirements for redevelopment sites; and
7. Incorporation of requirements for development and implementation of maintenance plans.

**8. EXPLANATION OF WHY THE RULE IS NECESSARY:**

The existing 2002 VSMM is in need of an update. Since the 2002 VSMM was adopted, there have been significant advancements in the field of stormwater management. On-the-ground research and development in the stormwater field has enhanced our understanding of green stormwater infrastructure, as well as the scientific and engineering community's understanding of the pollutant-removal capabilities of certain stormwater treatment practices (STPs). Further, since 2002, the Agency of Natural Resources has developed a better understanding of how stormwater runoff contributes to water quality impacts, and what regulatory measures can be taken to address those impacts.

The 2002 VSMM includes a limited set of acceptable STPs in comparison to what is now available and recognized as effective stormwater treatment. Providing a wider range of acceptable STPs will afford design flexibility to the engineering community, and maximize the treatment of stormwater runoff from developed sites.

In addition to providing a wider variety of STPs, the proposed updates also include enhanced treatment standards. In consideration of Vermont's overall water quality goals, this update expands the required treatment for redevelopment sites, and enhances the goals of the existing treatment standards to achieve a higher level of treatment. Further, it provides enhanced options for meeting those treatment standards, giving designers flexibility with their projects while maximizing treatment.

#### 9. LIST OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS RULE:

Individuals required to obtain a post-construction stormwater permit.

State agencies and departments, particularly the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and the Department of Buildings and General Services. These entities conduct or manage activities that may be subject to stormwater permit requirements including the new VSMM. Note, the Rule contains a new chapter, which includes requirements for linear projects to accommodate special issues unique to VTrans.

Property owners statewide, including businesses (excluding farmers in compliance with the Required Agricultural Practices) and homeowners, who require a stormwater permit.

Engineers, designers, consultants, and contractors who design and construct stormwater systems and work on stormwater permit applications.

The public at large with an interest in water quality.

#### 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT (150 WORDS OR LESS):

1. The new 2017 VSMM increases treatment requirements compared to existing standards and may result in a cost increase for some projects.

2. The addition of acceptable treatment practices may have positive economic impacts because the additional design flexibility contained in the proposed 2017 VSMM will allow designers greater options.

3. The incorporation of green stormwater infrastructure may have positive economic impacts, because such practices provide options aside from large structural practices such as ponds, which can be costly to construct.

4. Construction of stormwater facilities in conformance with the 2017 VSMM will contribute to the construction-based economy.

5. Compliance with the 2017 VSMM will help restore, maintain, and protect the waters of the State, which provide numerous economic benefits associated with clean water.

11. A HEARING IS SCHEDULED .

12. HEARING INFORMATION

(THE FIRST HEARING SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF NOTICES ONLINE).

IF THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT TO LIST THE INFORMATION FOR EACH HEARING PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET TO COMPLETE THE HEARING INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE NOTICE OF RULEMAKING.

Date:

Time: AM

Street Address:

Zip Code:

13. DEADLINE FOR COMMENT (NO EARLIER THAN 7 DAYS FOLLOWING LAST HEARING):

14. KEYWORDS (PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST 3 KEYWORDS OR PHRASES TO AID IN THE SEARCHABILITY OF THE RULE NOTICE ONLINE).

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