Blount County
Policy Manual for
Stormwater Quality Management

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Welcome to Blount County, a progressive county located in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Blount County strives to be the best location for your business interest by placing the right amount of emphasis on development requirements which set high standards to ensure quality development and planning growth. Careful attention is given to the water quality in our local streams and other water resources, which results in a distinctively pleasing community in which to live, work and play.

This policy manual provides supplemental policies and technical guidance for developers, architects, engineers and property owners that must comply with the Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution. The objectives of Blount County's stormwater quality management program are:

- To protect streams within the urbanized areas of the county from pollutants that may result from land development after construction has ceased;

- To comply with the requirements of the State of Tennessee Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

Contact the Blount County Stormwater Department if you have questions pertaining to this policy manual or the associated Stormwater Quality Management Resolution.

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Acronyms

BMP ..... Best Management Practice

CPv ..... Channel Protection Volume

DO..... Dissolved Oxygen

MEP ..... Maximum Extent Practicable

MS4 ..... Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

NPDES ..... National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

SCS..... Soil Conservation Service

SPAP..... Stormwater Pollution Abatement Permit

SWPPP ..... Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

TDEC ..... Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

TMDL ..... Total Maximum Daily Load

TSS ..... Total Suspended Solids

WQMP ..... Water Quality Management Plan

WQv ..... Water Quality Volume

1.0 Background

Development increases both the concentration and types of pollutants carried by runoff. As it runs over rooftops and lawns, parking lots and industrial sites, stormwater picks up and transports a variety of contaminants and pollutants to downstream waterbodies. The loss of the original topsoil and vegetation removes a valuable filtering mechanism for stormwater runoff.

The cumulative impact of development and urban activities, and the resultant changes to both stormwater quantity and quality in the entire land area that drains to a stream, river, lake or estuary determines the conditions of the waterbody. This land area that drains to the waterbody is known as its watershed. Urban development within a watershed has a number of direct impacts on downstream waters and waterways. These impacts include:

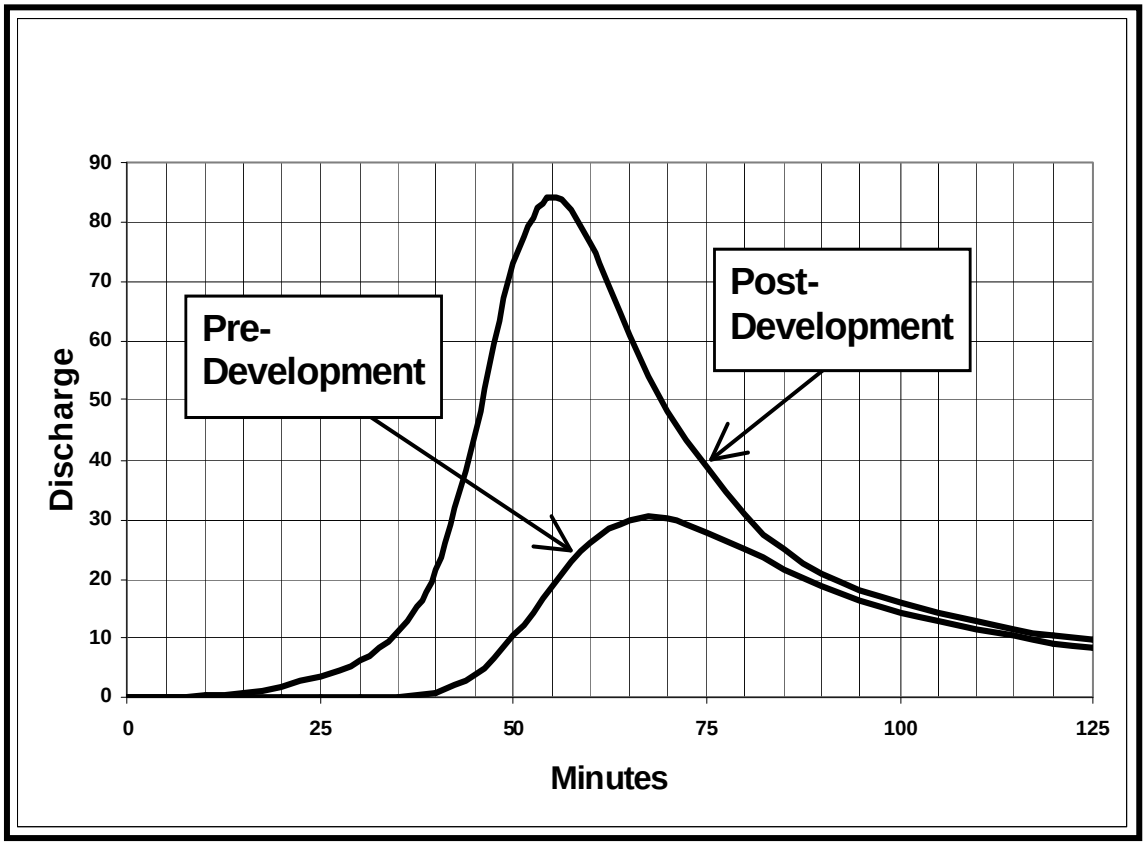
- Changes to stream flow;
- Changes to stream geometry;
- Degradation of aquatic habitat; and,
- Water quality impacts.

1.1 Changes to Stream Flow

Urban development alters the hydrology of watersheds and streams by disrupting the natural water cycle. This results in:

- Increased Runoff Volumes – Land surface changes can dramatically increase the total volume of runoff generated in a developed watershed.
- Increased Peak Runoff Discharges – Increased peak discharges for a developed watershed can be two to five times higher than those for a watershed prior to development. This is depicted in Figure 1-1.
- Greater Runoff Velocities – Impervious surfaces and compacted soils, as well as improvements to the drainage system such as storm drains, pipes and ditches, increase the speed at which rainfall runs off land surfaces within a watershed.
- Increased Frequency of Bankfull and Near Bankfull Events – Increased runoff volumes and peak flows increase the frequency and duration of smaller bankfull and near bankfull events which are the primary channel forming events.
- Increased Flooding – Increased runoff volumes and peaks also increase the frequency, duration and severity of out-of-bank flooding.
- Lower Dry Weather Flows (Baseflow) – Reduced infiltration of stormwater runoff causes streams to have less baseflow during dry weather periods and reduces the amount of rainfall recharging groundwater aquifers.

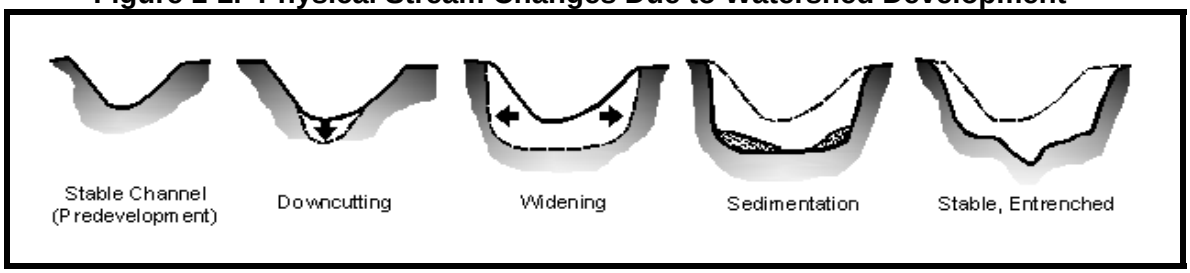
Figure 1-1. Runoff Hydrograph under Pre-and Post-Development Conditions



1.2 Changes to Stream Geometry

The changes in the rates and amounts of runoff from developed watersheds directly affect the morphology, or physical shape and character, of Tennessee's creeks and streams. This is depicted graphically in Figure 1-2. Some of the impacts due to urban development include:

Figure 1-2. Physical Stream Changes Due to Watershed Development



- Stream Widening and Bank Erosion – Stream channels widen to accommodate and convey the increased runoff and higher stream flows from developed areas. More frequent small and moderate runoff events undercut and scour the lower parts of the streambank, causing the steeper banks to slump and collapse during larger storms. Higher flow velocities further increase streambank erosion rates. A stream can widen many times its original size due to post-development runoff.

- Stream Downcutting – Another way that streams accommodate higher flows is by downcutting their streambed. This causes instability in the stream profile, or elevation along a stream's flow path, which increases velocity and triggers further channel erosion both upstream and downstream.

- Loss of Riparian Tree Canopy – As streambanks are gradually undercut and slump into the channel, the trees that had protected the banks are exposed at the roots. This leaves them more likely to be uprooted during major storms, further weakening bank structure.

- Changes in the Channel Bed Due to Sedimentation – Due to channel erosion and other sources upstream, sediments are deposited in the stream as sandbars and other features, covering the channel bed, or substrate, with shifting deposits of mud, silt and sand.

- Increase in the Floodplain Elevation – To accommodate the higher peak flow rate, a stream's floodplain elevation typically increases following development in a watershed due to higher peak flows. This problem is compounded by building and filling in floodplain areas, which cause flood heights to rise even further. Property and structures that had not previously been subject to flooding may now be at risk.

1.3 Impacts to Aquatic Habitat

Along with changes in stream hydrology and morphology, the habitat value of streams diminishes due to development in a watershed. Impacts on habitat include:

- Degradation of Habitat Structure – Higher and faster flows due to development can scour channels and wash away entire biological communities. Streambank erosion and the loss of riparian vegetation reduce habitat for many fish species and other aquatic life, while sediment deposits can smother bottom-dwelling organisms and aquatic habitat.

- Loss of Pool-Riffle Structure – Streams draining undeveloped watersheds often contain pools of deeper, more slowly flowing water that alternate with "riffles" or shoals of shallower, faster flowing water. These pools and riffles provide valuable habitat for fish and aquatic insects. As a result of the increased flows and sediment loads from urban watersheds, the pools and riffles disappear and are replaced with more uniform, and often shallower, streambeds that provide less varied aquatic habitat.

- Decline of Abundance and Biodiversity – When there is a reduction in various habitats and habitat quality, both the number and the variety, or diversity, of organisms (wetland plants, fish, macro-invertebrates, etc.) are also reduced. Sensitive fish species and other life forms disappear and are replaced by those organisms that are better adapted to the poorer conditions. The diversity and composition of the benthic, or streambed, community have frequently been used to evaluate the quality of urban streams. Aquatic insects are a useful environmental indicator as they form the base of the stream food chain.

Fish and other aquatic organisms are impacted not only by the habitat changes brought on by increased stormwater runoff quantity, but are often also adversely affected by water quality changes due to development and resultant land use activities in a watershed.

1.4 Water Quality Impacts

Nonpoint source pollution, which is the primary cause of polluted stormwater runoff and water quality impairment, comes from many diffuse sources, many of which are the result of human activities within a watershed. Nonpoint source pollution is the leading source of water quality degradation in Blount County. Water quality degradation in urbanizing watersheds starts when development begins. Erosion from construction sites and other disturbed areas contribute large amounts of sediment to streams. As construction and development proceed, impervious surfaces replace the natural land cover and pollutants from human activities begin to accumulate on these surfaces. During storm events, these pollutants are then washed off into the streams. Stormwater also causes discharges from sewer overflows and leaching from septic tanks.

Due to the magnitude of the problem it is important to understand the nature and sources of urban stormwater pollution. Table 1-1 summarizes the major stormwater pollutants and their effects. Some of the most frequently occurring pollution impacts to urban streams and their sources are:

- Reduced Oxygen in Streams – The decomposition process of organic matter uses up dissolved oxygen (DO) in the water, which is essential to fish and other aquatic life. As organic matter is washed off by stormwater, dissolved oxygen levels in receiving waters can be rapidly depleted. If the DO deficit is severe enough, fish kills may occur and stream life can weaken and die. In addition, oxygen depletion can affect the release of toxic chemicals and nutrients from sediments deposited in a waterway.

- All forms of organic matter in urban stormwater runoff such as leaves, grass clippings and pet waste contribute to the problem. In addition, there are a number of non-stormwater discharges of organic matter to surface waters such as sanitary sewer leakage and septic tank leaching.

Table 1-1. Major Stormwater Pollutants and Their Potential Effects

Constituents	Effects
Sediments - Suspended Solids, Dissolved Solids, Turbidity	Stream turbidity Habitat changes Recreation/aesthetic loss Contaminant transport Filling of lakes and reservoirs
Nutrients - Nitrate, Nitrite, Ammonia, Organic Nitrogen, Phosphate, Total Phosphorus	Algae blooms Eutrophication Ammonia and nitrate toxicity Recreation/aesthetic loss
Microbes - Fecal Coliforms, Fecal Streptococci, Viruses, E.Coli, Enterocci	Ear/intestinal infections Shellfish toxicity Recreation/aesthetic loss
Organic Matter - Vegetation, Sewage, Other Oxygen Demanding Materials	Dissolved oxygen depletion Odors Fish kills
Toxic Pollutants - Heavy Metals (cadmium, copper, lead, zinc), Organics, Hydrocarbons, Pesticides/Herbicides	Human & aquatic toxicity Bioaccumulation in the food chain
Thermal Pollution	Dissolved oxygen depletion Habitat changes
Trash and debris	Recreation/aesthetic loss

- Microbial Contamination – The level of bacteria, viruses and other microbes found in urban stormwater runoff often exceeds public health standards for water contact recreation such as swimming and wading. Microbes can also contaminate shellfish beds, preventing their harvesting and consumption and increasing the cost of treating drinking water. The main sources of these contaminants are sewer overflows, septic tanks, pet waste, and urban wildlife such as pigeons, waterfowl, squirrels, and raccoons.

- Nutrient Enrichment – Runoff from urban watersheds contains increased nutrients such as nitrogen or phosphorus compounds. Increased nutrient levels are a problem as they promote weed and algae growth in lakes, streams and estuaries. Algae blooms block sunlight from reaching underwater grasses and deplete oxygen in bottom waters. In addition, nitrification of ammonia by microorganisms can consume dissolved oxygen, while nitrates can contaminate groundwater supplies. Sources of nutrients in the urban environment include washoff of fertilizers and vegetative litter, animal wastes, sewer overflows and leaks, septic tank seepage, detergents, and the dry and wet fallout of materials in the atmosphere.

- Hydrocarbons – Oils, greases and gasoline contain a wide array of hydrocarbon compounds, some of which have shown to be carcinogenic, tumorigenic and mutagenic in certain species of fish. In addition, in large quantities, oil can impact

drinking water supplies and affect recreational use of waters. Oils and other hydrocarbons are washed off roads and parking lots, primarily due to leakage from vehicle engines. Other sources include the improper disposal of motor oil in storm drains and streams, spills at fueling stations and restaurant grease traps.

- Toxic Materials – Besides oils and greases, urban stormwater runoff can contain a wide variety of other toxicants and compounds including heavy metals such as lead, zinc, copper, and cadmium, and organic pollutants such as pesticides, PCBs, and phenols. These contaminants are of concern because they are toxic to aquatic organisms and can bio-accumulate in the food chain. In addition, they also impair drinking water sources and human health. Many of these toxicants accumulate in the sediments of streams and lakes. Sources of these contaminants include industrial and commercial sites, urban surfaces such as rooftops and painted areas, vehicles and other machinery, improperly disposed household chemicals, landfills, hazardous waste sites and atmospheric deposition.

- Sedimentation – Eroded soils are a common component of urban stormwater and a pollutant in their own right. Excessive sediment can be detrimental to aquatic life by interfering with photosynthesis, respiration, growth and reproduction. Sediment particles transport other pollutants that are attached to their surfaces including nutrients, trace metals and hydrocarbons. High turbidity due to sediment increases the cost of treating drinking water and reduces the value of surface waters for industrial and recreational use. Sediment also fills ditches and small streams and clogs storm sewers and pipes, causing flooding and property damage. Sedimentation can reduce the capacity of reservoirs and lakes, block navigation channels, fill harbors and silt estuaries. Erosion from construction sites, exposed soils, street runoff, and streambank erosion are the primary sources of sediment in urban runoff.

- Higher Water Temperatures – As runoff flows over impervious surfaces such as asphalt and concrete, it increases in temperature before reaching a stream or pond. Water temperatures are also increased due to shallow ponds and impoundments along a watercourse as well as fewer trees along streams to shade the water. Since warm water can hold less dissolved oxygen than cold water, this “thermal pollution” further reduces oxygen levels in urban streams. Temperature changes can severely disrupt certain aquatic species, such as trout and stoneflies, which can survive only within a narrow temperature range.

- Trash and Debris – Considerable quantities of trash and other debris are washed through storm drain systems and into streams, lakes and bays. The primary impact is the creation of an aesthetic “eyesore” in waterways and a reduction in recreational value. In smaller streams, debris can cause blockage of the channel, which can result in localized flooding and erosion.

1.5 Stormwater Quality Treatment Rationale

This section provides background on the formulation of the water quality volume standard. This standard requires 80% removal of total suspended solids (TSS) from post-construction stormwater runoff based on capture of the 85th percentile storm event.

1.5.1 Regulatory Overview

The NPDES Phase II regulation requires that Blount County (and other Phase II regulated communities) develop, implement, and enforce a stormwater management program that reduces the discharge of pollutants from the regulated jurisdiction "to the maximum extent practicable (MEP)". MEP is a technology-based discharge standard that was designed for the reduction of pollutant discharges and established in the Clean Water Act. Using guidance provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Blount County can achieve the MEP standard by instituting a stormwater management program that implements and requires best management practices (BMPs) that are designed to protect water quality. No further guidance on MEP is provided by EPA or by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

Control measure 5 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Permit presents the requirements for the control of post-construction (i.e., after development) stormwater runoff. Quoting directly from the NPDES Permit for the State of Tennessee, regulated cities and counties (including Blount County) must:

> *"Develop, implement, and enforce a program to address storm water runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, that discharge into your small MS4. Your program must ensure that controls are in place that would prevent or minimize water quality impacts;*
>
> *Develop and implement strategies which include a combination of structural and/or non-structural best management practices appropriate for your community; and*
>
> *Develop and implement a set of requirements to establish, protect and maintain water quality buffers in areas of new development and redevelopment.*
>
> *Use an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address post-construction runoff from new development and redevelopment projects to the extent allowable under State or local law."*

As a result of these requirements, Blount County must implement a requirement for new developments and redevelopments to control stormwater quality using both structural (i.e., constructed) and non-structural (i.e., site planning) best management practices (BMPs).

The NPDES Phase II regulation also requires that Blount County focus stormwater management on controlling discharges of pollutants of concern to local impaired streams. Based on the State of Tennessee's 303(d) list of "impaired" streams, the largest pollutant in Blount County is sedimentation.

1.5.2 Attaining the Water Quality Standard

The basic goal of the NPDES Phase II regulation is to reduce the water quality impacts of development. The preferred approach to meet this goal and comply with the NPDES permit is called the "Water Quality Volume method" or "WQv method". The WQv method is based on a minimum water quality control goal of 80% removal of TSS for the 85th percentile storm event from post-construction stormwater runoff (i.e., after construction

of a site is completed). TSS is a commonly used representative stormwater pollutant for measuring sedimentation.

There are a number of factors that support the use of an 80% TSS removal standard as a minimum level water quality goal in Blount County.

1. The Tennessee 303(d) list indicates that sedimentation (i.e., sediment) is a significant pollutant of concern in local streams. This fact alone requires that Blount County implement a stormwater management program that, at least in part, focuses on the removal of sediment from stormwater discharges in order to achieve compliance with the NPDES Phase II regulations to the maximum extent practicable.

2. The use of TSS as an "indicator" pollutant for sediment is well-established.

3. The control of TSS leads to indirect control of other pollutants of concern that can adhere to suspended solids in stormwater runoff. In fact, some research shows that a large fraction of many other pollutants of concern are either reduced along with TSS, or at rates proportional to the TSS reduction.

4. A treatment standard of 80% is not a numeric standard, but a "best available technology" standard. In other words, the 80% TSS removal level is reasonably attainable using properly designed, constructed and maintained structural stormwater BMPs (for typical ranges of TSS concentration found in stormwater runoff). This standard is supported with research data from numerous research projects and compiled by the International Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Database evaluation project, titled Determining Urban Stormwater Best Management Practices Removal Efficiencies, June, 2000.

The WQv method can meet the goal of 80% TSS removal using a two-pronged approach. First, it encourages the reduction of imperviousness (and therefore pollution) from developed sites through incentives for non-structural BMPs, such as natural conservation areas and water quality buffers. Second, it requires treatment of any remaining stormwater runoff with structural controls. This method allows Blount County to meet its water quality goals and regulatory requirements, yet still allows developers flexibility in their site designs.

The WQv is calculated for the 85th percentile storm event using a value of 1.1 inches of rainfall. Thus, a stormwater management system designed for the WQv will treat the runoff from all storm events of 1.1 inches or less, as well as the first 1.1 inches of runoff for all larger storm events. Detailed information on the calculation of the WQv and % TSS removal for a development or redevelopment site are presented in Chapter 3.

It is important to note that Blount County is not alone in implementing an 80% TSS removal standard, or the WQv method. The City of Maryville and Knox County as well as many states, including Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida have set similar statewide TSS goals and have research data to support BMPs meeting this reduction goal. Further, a number of other communities in Tennessee, the State of Georgia and the Commonwealth of Virginia have implemented a WQv type of method as the statewide water quality control approach. The BMP design and maintenance guidance from these states can be used to implement a water quality control program that is appropriate to meet Blount County's needs.

1.6 Channel Protection (CPv)

1.6.1 Background

The increase in the frequency, velocity, and duration of bankfull flow conditions in stream channels after a rainfall event is the primary cause of streambank erosion. Such erosion is common in Blount County, usually in channels and streams where the cumulative effect of development has caused lengthy, increased post-rainfall discharges. The sediment released as a result of streambank erosion is a likely major source of sediment pollutant loads in Blount County's streams. Excessive sediment can impact a stream's ability to remain ecologically viable and provide a healthy habitat for aquatic species.

Streambank erosion can cause damaging hydraulic changes in a stream, including excessive widening, deepening, and undercutting. Such changes can be detrimental to the ability of the stream to remain hydraulically stable in the long-term. Moreover, streambank erosion is a common source of complaints from citizens that experience property damage due to fallen trees or outbuildings, or property loss due to widening streams.

1.6.2 Design Criteria and Policies

Blount County requires all developments and redevelopments to adhere to channel protection criteria, herein called the channel protection volume (CPv). This standard requires that the runoff volume from the 1-year frequency, 24-hour storm be detained for no less than a 24-hour period. In the design of the channel protection control, the 24-hour detention period shall be measured from the approximate center-of-mass of inflow to the approximate center-of-mass of outflow.

Downstream channel protection provided by an alternative approach may be considered in lieu of controlling the CPv, provided that sufficient hydrologic and hydraulic analysis shows that the alternative approach will offer adequate channel protection from erosion. Downstream channel protection provided by an alternative approach must be approved by the Stormwater Program Director or his/her designee.

2.0 Water Quality Management Plan

The Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) is defined as the engineering plan for the design of best management practices within a proposed development or redevelopment. The WQMP also provides Blount County with appropriate and required information for WQv reduction areas. This section of the manual includes specific requirements and information on WQMP contents and approval requirements.

2.1 General Policies

The following policies shall apply to WQMPs:

1. Per Section 5 of Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution, issuance of a grading permit will be contingent on approval of the WQMP.

2. The WQMP must be submitted as part of, and at the same time as, the larger subdivision or site plan for the development or redevelopment, along with any required plan review fees. The WQMP will be reviewed for compliance with the Stormwater Quality Management Resolution, this manual, and any other applicable local requirements. Only complete WQMPs will be accepted for review.

3. A checklist that provides a complete inventory of the required contents of a WQMP is presented in Appendix B-1 of this manual. Use of this checklist is required, to ensure submittal of a complete plan and expedite the plan review process. The WQMP shall include, at a minimum, the elements listed in the checklist, unless the element is not applicable to the project. These requirements should be checked as "not applicable." Omission of any required items renders the plans incomplete, and they will be returned to the applicant, or their engineer, so that they may be completed. When the WQMP is submitted, the applicant must attach a signed copy of the checklist to certify that a complete package is being submitted.

4. The applicant may also be required to meet State and Federal regulations for construction activities that will have an impact on Waters of the State, wetlands, sinkholes and threatened or endangered species. It is the responsibility of the applicant to thoroughly review, understand and adhere to all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations with regard to site development and property regulations when submitting the WQMP. Copies of all applicable State and Federal permits must be provided to the local plan review agency as part of the WQMP.

5. An executed maintenance covenants document must be included in the WQMP for grading permits to be granted.

2.2 Performance Bonds

A performance bond may be required by Blount County when a water quality management plan is required. The purpose of the performance bond is to ensure that the person(s) responsible for constructing the water quality best management practices completes the work in an appropriate manner. The performance bond provides assurance to Blount County that it will be reimbursed if it must assume the costs of

corrective measures and/or work not completed by the responsible person(s) according to the required specifications and approved plans.

The dollar amount of the performance bond will be determined by the Stormwater Program Director or his/her designee based on the information presented in the WQMP. General policies regarding release of a performance bond are as follows.

1. An accurate as-built drawing showing all water quality best management facilities and water quality volume reduction areas must be completed.

2. Portions of the property that will be used for the stormwater quality management must be recorded as a permanent easement and/or access easement, as appropriate for each BMP or reduction area.

3. If found within the boundaries of the development, any one of the following items could keep areas or activities from being released from the performance bond:

    a. areas of erosion or unstabilized areas;

    b. potential for discharges of sediment, or construction-related and other wastes;

    c. engineering or structural deficiencies or maintenance issues associated with water quality best management practices;

    d. unsafe conditions.

2.3 As-Built Drawings

Policies pertaining to the inclusion of water quality BMPs on as-built drawings are as follows:

1. The as-built drawings shall reflect the as-constructed condition of the water quality BMP(s) located on the property, and shall include sufficient information to demonstrate substantial conformance with the approved WQMP.

2. The as-built drawings shall include the elements contained in the As-Built drawing checklist presented in Appendix C-1. Only complete drawings will be accepted.

3. In the event that submittal of a revised WQMP is required, the revision shall include a description of the discrepancies between the site conditions and the prior approved WQMP, along with design calculations that demonstrate that the as-constructed conditions comply with local water quality management facility requirements.

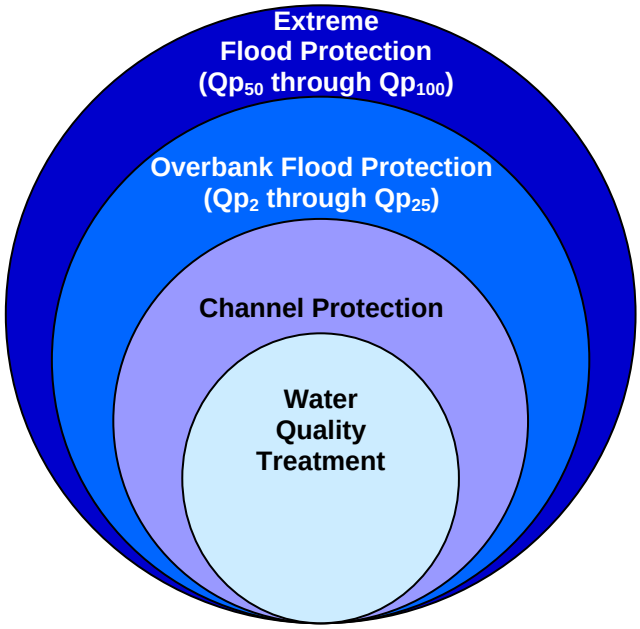
4. Should the as-constructed conditions be shown to have a negative impact on flooding, maintenance, erosion or water quality, other mitigation measures and proposed design plans to mitigate any potential impacts from the development may be required.

3.0 Water Quality Protection

This chapter presents the policies, criteria and calculation methods for water quality treatment and channel protection requirements stated in Sections 7 and 8 of Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution.

This chapter does not provide criteria and calculation guidance for stormwater quantity (e.g., hydraulic drainage design, detention/retention) design. While this manual does not address local stormwater quantity design requirements, site designers should note that design criteria for water quality, channel protection and stormwater quantity can often be blended together. This enables the sizing and design of structural stormwater controls to address the overall stormwater impacts from a development site. When stormwater design criteria are considered as a set, the site designer can control the range of design events, from the smallest amounts of runoff that are treated for water quality, to the required design storms for detention. Figure 3-1 graphically illustrates the relative volume requirements of the various stormwater controls and demonstrates that, in some cases, the controls can be "nested" within one another (i.e., the volumes controlled for flood protection also contains the volumes controlled for channel protection volume and water quality treatment).

Figure 3-1. Integration of Stormwater Controls



3.1 General Policies

The following general policies shall apply to all water quality management and channel protection design calculations.

1. Stormwater runoff resulting from post-development conditions must be routed at appropriately small time intervals through water quality treatment and channel protection BMPs, as appropriate, using either hand calculations or computer models that are widely accepted among engineering professionals.

2. All design computations utilized in the design of water quality BMPs and channel erosion protection devices must be prepared by a registered engineer proficient in the field of hydrology and hydraulics and licensed to practice engineering in the State of Tennessee.

3. The methods used for hydrologic computational analysis for water quality treatment and channel protection devices shall be in accordance with Volume 2, Chapter 3 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*. This policy does not apply to computational analysis for water quantity purposes (site drainage, detention and retention).

3.2 Water Quality Treatment

Section 7 of Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution requires that stormwater runoff discharging from new development or redevelopment sites be treated to remove pollutants prior to discharge from the site. This requirement shall be implemented in accordance with the Water Quality Treatment Minimum Standard and associated policies presented in items 1 through 5 below. Policies that are specific to individual design calculations and/or BMPs are included later in this chapter.

1. **Water Quality Treatment Minimum Standard:** Water quality treatment BMPs shall be designed to remove, at a minimum, 80% of the average annual post-development total suspended solids (TSS) load from the stormwater volume required for water quality treatment, called the water quality treatment volume (WQv), which shall be calculated for the entire site. This standard is also referred to in this manual as "the 80% TSS removal standard".

2. The WQv shall be calculated using the equations presented in section 3.2.1 of this manual. Percent (%) TSS removal shall be calculated using the equations presented in section 3.2.2 of this manual. All WQv and % TSS calculations must be included in the WQMP.

3. The structural BMPs deemed acceptable for use to attain the Water Quality Minimum Treatment Standard are listed in Table 3-1. Table 3-1 also presents the % TSS removal value assigned to each BMP. This value shall be used to calculate the total weighted % TSS removal for the development site, using the equations presented in section 3.2.2 of this manual.

4. It is presumed that a structural BMP complies with the % TSS removal value shown in Table 3-1 if the structural BMPs are selected, designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the design criteria specified in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of

the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*. Only those BMPs that are published in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual* are permitted for use as water quality BMPs. Other BMPs are prohibited, unless approved by Blount County.

Table 3-1. TSS Removal % for Structural BMPs

Structural BMP	TSS Removal %
General Application BMPs	
Wet Pond	80
Wet Extended Detention	80
Micropool Extended Detention Pond	80
Multiple Pond System	80
Dry Extended Detention Pond	60
Conventional Dry Detention Basins	10
Shallow Wetland	75
Extended Detention Shallow Wetland	75
Pond/Wetland System	75
Pocket Wetland	75
Bioretention Area	85
Sand Filters (Surface and Perimeter)	80
Infiltration Trench	90
WQ Dry Swales	90
Wet Swales	75
Filter Strip	50
Grass Channel[1]	30
Gravity (oil-grit) Separator	30
Limited Application BMPs	
Organic Filter	80
Underground Sand Filter	80
Submerged Gravel Wetland	75
Alum Treatment System	90
Proprietary Treatment Controls	10[2]
Underground Detention	10

1 – Refers to open channel practice not designed for water quality.
2 – Provisional % TSS Removal value pending third party information.

5. Proprietary treatment controls, such as catch basin inserts and flow-thru package devices, shall be assigned a provisional % TSS value of 10% pending the receipt of valid third party confirmation of a higher % TSS value by Blount County. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the WQMP to provide this third party confirmation. Such confirmation shall be provided in accordance with the Policies for New or Proprietary BMPs presented in Volume 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.2.2.1 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

3.2.1 Calculation of the Water Quality Volume (WQv)

The volume of water that must be treated to the 80% TSS removal standard is called the water quality volume (WQv). Compliance with the 80% TSS removal standard

requires the calculation of the WQv for the entire development site. To obtain the lowest WQv for the site, this calculation should be performed after better site design practices that may be envisioned for the site have been considered and are included in design plans.

The WQv shall be calculated using Equation 3-1, as follows:

Equation 3-1 $$WQv = \frac{PRvA}{12}$$

where:

WQv = water quality volume of the site (acre-feet);
P = rainfall depth for the 85% storm event in Blount County (1.1 inches);
Rv = runoff coefficient; and,
A = site area (acres).

The runoff coefficient (Rv) shall be calculated using Equation 3-2.

Equation 3-2 $$Rv = 0.015 + 0.0092I$$

I = percent impervious area of the site (see Equation 3-3 below).

3.2.1.1 The Determination of Percent Imperviousness

Impervious areas are impermeable surfaces that prevent the percolation of water into the soil. Impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, paved surfaces such as walkways, sidewalks, patios, parking areas and driveways, packed gravel or soil, and structure rooftops. Other examples of impervious areas are paved recreation areas including pool houses and pool decks intended for use as a multi-family private or public recreation area, paved athletic courts, and storage buildings.

The percent impervious area (I) that is used to determine WQv is calculated using Equation 3-3.

Equation 3-3 $$I = \frac{I_A}{A} X 100\%$$

where:

I_A = cumulative area of all impervious surfaces on the site (acres);
A = site area (acres).

The determination of the impervious area (I_A) in order to calculate WQv shall be performed in the following manner:

1. For residential subdivisions that will be served by one or more water quality BMPs, impervious area percentages shall be determined using percent (%) impervious values that were developed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Where the average lot size of a subdivision or a drainage area within the subdivision falls between the lot size categories shown in Table 3-2, the site designer may interpolate the % impervious value based on Table 3-2.

Table 3-2. Percent Impervious Area Values for Subdivisions

Residential Lot Size Range[1]	% Impervious
⅛ acre or less	65
¼ acre	38
⅓ acre	30
½ acre	25
¾ acre	22.5[2]
1 acre	20
2 acres and greater	15

1 – Includes lots and streets. Common areas must be measured separately.
2 – The % impervious value is interpolated from SCS data.

The values shown in Table 3-2 shall be utilized only for the portion of the subdivision that is covered by individual residential lots and streets. Other areas, such as common areas for recreation or meeting facilities, shall be added separately in the calculation of I_A.

If lot sizes within a single subdivision fall into more than one of the lot size ranges listed in Table 3-2, the site designer shall consider the total amount of imperviousness in each lot range separately in the determination of the percent impervious value. An example calculation of the percent impervious area for a residential subdivision can be found in Volume 2, Chapter 2 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

2. For planned unit developments where the building and paving footprints are known, as well as all nonresidential developments, I_A shall be determined from the measured impervious footprints for all impervious areas as defined above. It is required that the footprint for all impervious surfaces in the proposed development and the calculation of I_A be shown in the stormwater management plan.

After the development and/or redevelopment of the property is complete, property improvement activities that do not require the submittal of a water quality management plan will not require recalculation of the impervious percentage and WQv.

3.2.2 Calculation of the % TSS Removal

The % TSS removal for the BMPs proposed for a new development or redevelopment must be calculated using the equations presented in this section. Example calculations of % TSS removal are included in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

3.2.2.1 Multiple BMPs

Equation 3-4 is an area-weighted TSS reduction equation that accounts for the TSS reduction that is contributed from each water quality BMP that is installed on the site. This equation is applicable to those developments or redevelopments where multiple BMPs are used to treat the WQv. If only one BMP is utilized for WQv treatment, then the % TSS removal value is equal to the one assigned to the BMP (see Table 3-1). Equation 3-4 is applicable in situations where a site has multiple subwatersheds that flow to different BMPs, and none of the BMPs is placed downstream of another BMP.

Equation 3-4

$$\%TSS = \frac{\sum_{1}^{n}(TSS_1 A_1 + TSS_2 A_2 + ... + TSS_n A_n)}{\sum_{1}^{n}(A_1 + A_2 + ... + A_n)}$$

where:

TSS_n = TSS removal percentage for each structural BMP located on-site (%);
A_n = the area draining to each BMP (acres).

3.2.2.2 BMPs in Series

It will often be the case that the site designer will want to use two or more BMPs (structural and/or non-structural) in series, where stormwater treated in one BMP is discharged into another BMP for further treatment. Such BMP combinations are also called treatment trains. How and why BMPs might be used in treatment trains is discussed in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*. This section presents the calculation of the total % TSS removal for treatment trains.

Equation 3-5 is used to calculate the total % TSS removal for a treatment train comprised of two or more structural BMPs.

Equation 3-5

$$TSS_{train} = TSS_A + TSS_B - \frac{(TSS_A \times TSS_B)}{100}$$

where:

TSS_{train} = total TSS removal for treatment train (%);
TSS_A = % TSS removal of the first (upstream) BMP, from Table 3-1 (%)
TSS_B = % TSS removal of the second (downstream) BMP, from Table 3-1 (%).

For development sites where the treatment train provides the only water quality treatment on the site, TSS_{train} must be greater than or equal to 80%. For development sites that have other structural BMPs for water quality treatment that are not included in the treatment train, TSS_{train} must be included in Equation 3-4 in the calculation of the overall % TSS removal for the site.

3.2.2.3 Calculation of % TSS Removal for Flow-through Situations

BMPs within treatment trains may sometimes be separated by a contributing drainage area. In this case, equation 3-5 cannot be used, since some of the flow entering the downstream BMP has not been treated by the upstream BMP. This section presents the calculation of the total % TSS removal for flow-through situations.

To calculate the total % TSS removal for a treatment train separated by a contributing drainage area, Equation 3-6 shall be used.

Equation 3-6

$$TSS_{train} = \frac{TSS_A A_A + TSS_B A_B + \frac{TSS_B A_A (100 - TSS_A)}{100}}{A_A + A_B}$$

where:

TSS_{train} = total TSS removal for treatment train (%);
TSS_A = % TSS removal of the first (upstream) BMP, from Table 3-1 (%)
TSS_B = % TSS removal of the second (downstream) BMP, from Table 3-1 (%)
A_A = Area draining to BMP A
A_B = Area draining to BMP B.

For development sites where the treatment train provides the only stormwater treatment on the site, TSS_{train} must be greater than or equal to 80%.

3.2.3 Reducing the Water Quality Volume

This section provides guidance and policies related to reducing the WQv, and therefore the size and cost of structural BMPs. There are two general avenues for reducing the WQv: impervious area reductions through the use of Better Site Design methods; and, employing one or more of the WQv Reductions that are accepted by Blount County. Both approaches are discussed in limited detail below. The reader is referred to the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual* for more in-depth guidance and technical criteria associated with methods used to lessen the WQv. It should be noted that neither of these approaches are required by Blount County to attain the 80% TSS removal standard on a development or redevelopment site.

3.2.3.1 The Use of Better Site Design Methods

It is important to remember that the WQv is proportional to impervious area, such that the amount of stormwater runoff requiring treatment increases as impervious area increases. In other words, the more you pave, the more you treat. Therefore, to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff that must be treated, the developer must find ways to reduce site imperviousness. Reductions in imperviousness are beneficial from a water quality management standpoint. Decreases in impervious area equate to less runoff, lower post-development peak discharges, and typically lower pollutant discharges. This can result in lower water quality management costs, as structural BMPs, channel protection, and flooding protection controls can be smaller in size.

A strong incentive for the use of Better Site Design practices is provided via the WQv method (since it is proportional to impervious area). Better Site Design can be defined as a combination of non-structural design approaches intended to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff from development through the conservation of natural areas, reduction of impervious areas, and integration of non-structural water quality BMPs. Such practices are often collectively referred to as “non-structural practices” or “non-structural BMPs”. By implementing a combination of these non-structural approaches, it is possible to reduce the amount of runoff and pollutants that are generated from a site and provide for some non-structural on-site treatment and control of runoff. The reader is referred to Volume 2, Chapter 5 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual* for more detailed information on Better Site Design practices, and ways to incorporate such practices into the site planning and design process.

3.2.3.2 WQv Reductions

Another method for decreasing the WQv is the use of prescribed WQv Reductions. WQv Reductions are specific Better Site Design practices that can reduce the volume of stormwater runoff and possibly provide some water quality treatment (i.e., % TSS removal). The basic premise of the WQv reduction system is to recognize the water

quality benefits of certain site design practices by allowing for a reduction in the WQv. If a developer incorporates one or more of the WQv Reductions in the design of the site, the requirement for capture and treatment of the WQv will be reduced. Site designers are encouraged to utilize as many WQv Reductions as they can on a site. Greater reductions in stormwater storage volumes can be achieved when many reductions are combined (e.g., disconnecting rooftops and protecting natural conservation areas).

The WQv Reductions available for use in Blount County are listed in Table 3-3. Technical design requirements for each WQv Reduction are presented in Volume 2, Chapter 5 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

General requirements and policies applicable to all the WQv Reductions are as follows.

1. WQv Reductions can only be claimed if the area or practice for which Reduction is requested conforms to all of the required minimum criteria and conditions stated in Volume 2, Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*. WQv Reductions will not be given to areas or practices that do not conform to the criteria and conditions. The intent of this policy is to avoid situations that could lead to a WQv Reduction being granted without the corresponding reduction in pollution attributable to an effective better site design practice.

Table 3-3. Summary of WQv Reductions

Reduction	Description
Reduction 1: **Natural area preservation**	Undisturbed natural areas are conserved on a site, thereby retaining their pre-development hydrologic and water quality characteristics.
Reduction 2: **Stream and vegetated buffers**	Stormwater runoff is treated by directing sheet flow runoff through a naturally vegetated or forested buffer as overland flow.
Reduction 3: **Vegetated channels**	Vegetated channels are used to provide stormwater treatment.
Reduction 4: **Impervious area disconnection**	Overland flow filtration/infiltration zones are incorporated into the site design to receive runoff from rooftops and other small impervious areas.
Reduction 5: **Environmentally sensitive large lot neighborhood**	A group of site design techniques are applied to low and very low density residential development.

2. WQv Reductions cannot be claimed twice for an identical area of the site (e.g. claiming reduction for stream buffers and disconnecting rooftops for the same site area is not allowed).

3. General Better Site Design practices and techniques performed that are not in compliance with the criteria and conditions stated herein and in Volume 2, Chapter 5,

Section 5.2 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual* will not be awarded WQv Reductions. However, it is important to remember that these practices, which reduce the overall impervious area on a site, reduce the total amount of stormwater runoff generated by a site, and thus reduce the required WQv.

3.2.4 Removal of Pollutants other than Sediment

Stormwater can be negatively impacted by many pollutants other than sediment. These pollutants can have very different pathways into the stormwater system, modes of transport, rates of breakdown and effects on the environment. For this reason, they must be handled on a case-by-case basis.

A Special Pollution Abatement Permit (SPAP) may be required for new developments and redevelopments on the basis of: 1) land use or type of business; 2) a history of air or water pollution at a site; 3) a history of air or water pollution by an owner/operator at other sites; 4) the potential to impact environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands; or 5) at the discretion of the Stormwater Program Director or his/her designee upon sound engineering judgment. A SPAP form is provided in Appendix D-1 of this manual. Additional information regarding SPAPs can be found within the Blount County Illicit Discharge Resolution No.: 08-08-015. SPAPs are required for the following hotpot land uses:

Vehicle maintenance, washing or storage facilities. Pollution prevention activities for vehicle maintenance, washing, or storage land uses must focus on spill prevention and cleanup, oil and other fluid and material recycling, pre-treatment of wash water or runoff from maintenance areas, staff education on proper pollution prevention techniques, and customer education about the activities that are or are not acceptable on the premises. For businesses where vehicles will be stored, pollution prevention activities must also include routine inspection of the vehicles for leaks or discharges. Drip pans must be used to capture leaks and discharges until the vehicle can be maintained or fluids should be drained completely from vehicles that will remain unused. Discharges of wash water resulting from the hosing or cleaning of vehicles, equipment and/or facilities is considered an illegal non-stormwater discharge. Therefore, wash water must be prevented from entering the stormwater system. These activities could include blocking the stormwater system or diverting the wash water into a pre-treatment measure and then into the sanitary sewer system.

Recycling and salvage yard facilities. Where the land use is a business that recycles or salvages vehicles or other equipment, the pollution prevention practices for that site should address draining the equipment of all fluids before storage. If the storage area is uncovered, pre-treatment controls are required to treat additional pollutants that could result from the storage or deterioration of the equipment or vehicles before the runoff discharges to a traditional BMP.

Restaurants, grocery stores, and other food service facilities. Grease and organic pollutants are typically encountered around restaurants, grocery stores, and other food service facilities. Pre-treatment to remove such pollutants prior to discharging to traditional BMPs is required, in order to prevent clogging of downstream BMPs and the stormwater system. As well, wash water from equipment and/or facility cleaning activities must either be discharged to the sanitary sewer or be pre-treated prior to discharging to a traditional BMP.

Commercial facilities that temporarily or permanently house animals outside. Animal housing facilities, such as veterinary clinics, kennels, fish hatcheries and animal shelters, have the potential to deliver higher than normal bacterial loadings to the stormwater system. High counts of bacteria in streams and rivers can cause water quality impairments, but can also cause illnesses in people. Pollution prevention practices for these types of facilities must include pet waste management practices, such as collecting and properly disposing of pet waste at landfills or wastewater treatment facilities. Animal bedding should be removed when soiled and properly disposed. Wood shavings or chips must not be allowed to migrate into the stormwater system.

A SPAP is not required for outfalls that have been previously permitted through the state's NPDES program. A copy of the NPDES permit must be submitted to the Blount County Stormwater Department. Typically, the need for a SPAP is identified during WQMP review.

To obtain coverage under a SPAP, the property or business owner must submit a SPAP application form. In the event that a SPAP is required for a new development or redevelopment site, grading and/or water quality management plans will not be approved until the SPAP application form has been received and approved by the County. The SPAP application requires supporting documentation for the proposed BMP(s), including BMP specifications and maintenance information. An As-Built Certification may be required for any structural BMPs installed at the site.

Once issued, the SPAP will be valid for five (5) years and must be renewed prior to the expiration date. SPAP renewal requires completion and submittal of an updated application form including supporting documentation for the stormwater BMP(s) installed at the site.

Coverage under a SPAP must be renewed if, at any time during the five-year permit period, pollution pre-treatment devices or stormwater BMPs that are reflected in the current SPAP are removed or otherwise significantly altered. A SPAP application that reflects the proposed modifications must be submitted to and approved by the Blount County Stormwater Department prior to instituting the changes. Renewal of a SPAP is not required for routine BMP maintenance and repair activities or for replacement of poorly functioning or failed BMPs as long as the replacement is similar to, in form and function, and serves the same purpose as the original BMP. The following minimum standards shall be addressed in the SPAP application form:

Employees and/or staff of the business or land use type shall be trained annually on the requirements of the SPAP, specifically addressing pollution source controls such as spill control and cleanup, proper waste management, chemical storage, and fluids management with vehicle servicing. The type of training shall be tailored to and appropriate for the land use or business. Documentation of the training shall be maintained with the SPAP and made available to County personnel upon request.

Parking lots shall be swept monthly to remove gross solids. Waste gathered during sweeping activities shall be disposed of properly.

Animal waste shall be prevented from entering streams, sinkholes, wetlands, ponds or any other component of the storm drain system. Controls shall be instituted to collect the animal waste and properly treat or dispose of it.

Structural BMPs that have been designed to specifically address the target pollutants associated with the land use shall be utilized where appropriate to reduce pollutant loadings. This requirement does not alleviate new developments and redevelopments from water quality treatment design criteria for total suspended solids (TSS), as discussed in Chapter 3. BMPs that are implemented to comply with SPAP minimum standards can factor into the % TSS calculation, provided that they have TSS removal capabilities. Table 3-4 presents target pollutants for the land uses required to obtain coverage under a SPAP.

Structural BMPs shall be inspected and maintained by the owner/permittee. Inspections must be conducted at least annually. Maintenance shall be conducted as needed and as required by the manufacturer or as required by the Stormwater Department. Documentation of such inspections shall be maintained by the owner and made available to County personnel upon request.

Table 3-4. Target Pollutants for SPAP Permitted Land Uses

Land use	Target Pollutant
Vehicle, truck or equipment maintenance, fueling, washing or storage areas including but not limited to: automotive dealerships, automotive repair shops, and car wash facilities	Oil, grease, detergents, solids, metals
Recycling and/or salvage yard facilities	Oil, grease, metals
Restaurants, grocery stores, and other food service facilities	Oil, grease, trash
Commercial facilities with outside animal housing areas including animal shelters, fish hatcheries, kennels, or veterinary clinics	Bacteria, nutrients
Other producers of pollutants identified by the Stormwater Director or his/her designee by information provided to or collected by him/her or his/her representatives, or reasonably deduced or estimated by him/her or his/her representatives from engineering or scientific study	As identified by the Stormwater Director or his/her designee

4.0 Channel Erosion Protection

4.1 Minimum Standard

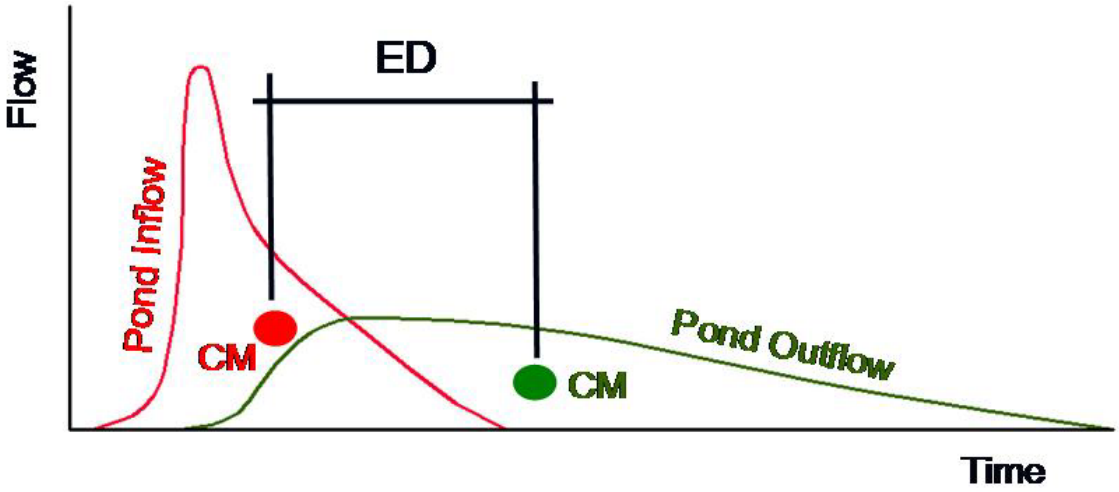
Section 8 of Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution requires adherence to the channel protection standard for applicable new development or redevelopments prior to discharge from the site. This requirement shall be implemented in accordance with the Channel Protection Standard and associated policies presented in items 1 and 2 below.

1. **Channel Protection Minimum Standard:** The runoff volume from the 1-year frequency, 24-hour storm, herein called the Channel Protection Volume (CPv), shall be captured and discharged over no less than a 24-hour period utilizing the design criteria and guidance provided in this manual.

2. In the design of the channel protection control, the 24-hour release period shall be measured from the approximate centroid of the inflow hydrograph to the centroid of the outflow hydrograph, as shown in Figure 4-1 below.

3. Channel protection outlets must be sized using hydrograph routing techniques. The size of the outlet can only be estimated initially. Routing the 1-year 24-hour inflow hydrograph through the pond will provide an outflow hydrograph. If the centroid to centroid detention time is less than 24 hours, the channel protection orifice must be made smaller. The orifice used for control of the WQv may preclude reaching the CPv 24-hour detention time, in which case, the WQv orifice must be made smaller. The water quality and channel protection orifices can be combined so long as both water quality and channel protection criteria are met.

Figure 4-1. Illustration of the Channel Protection Standard



Detailed channel protection design instructions and examples are presented in Volume 2, Chapter 3 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

5.0 Inspection and Maintenance

Section 14 of Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution requires property owners to inspect and maintain all structural and non-structural water quality and channel protection BMPs. This requirement includes all structural BMPs and areas that receive a WQv Reduction (Section 3.2, Table 3-3). Blount County policies pertaining to private ownership and maintenance of water quality and channel protection BMPs are listed below.

5.1 Covenants & Private Ownership Policies

1. The owner of water quality and channel protection BMPs, areas receiving a WQv reduction must maintain such stormwater features in such manner as to maintain their full and intended function. More specifically:

    a. Structural BMPs, which are listed in Section 3.2, Table 3-1 of this manual, must be maintained such that the BMP can perform to the standard of 80% TSS removal. Property owners shall inspect and maintain structural BMPs in accordance with the inspection and maintenance guidelines for the specific BMPs located on the property that are presented in Volume 2, Chapter 4, Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.
    b. Areas that receive a WQv Reduction shall be maintained in accordance with the design criteria stated in Volume 2, Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

2. When a property undergoes development or redevelopment, the property owner must enter into permanent maintenance agreements for structural and non-structural BMPs located on the property as a condition of approval of the WQMP. This covenant must be executed by the property owner and be submitted to Blount County as a condition of approving the WQMP.

3. The Maintenance Covenants shall be accompanied by a plan of the property that shows the location and extent of all structural BMPs and WQv Reduction areas. Metes and bounds describing the easements surrounding each feature must be supplied. The size of each easement shall be as described in the appropriate BMP section within Volume 2, Chapter 4, Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual.* Each feature will be clearly identified by type of feature (e.g., structural BMP, WQv Reduction area). Structural BMPs and WQv Reduction areas must be specifically identified by type (e.g., bioretention area, impervious area disconnection WQv reduction area).

4. Blount County will inspect each BMP on a periodic basis to ensure that the property owner is maintaining each BMP in proper condition to achieve its intended function. Right-of-entry for County inspections and subsequent corrective actions by the property owner required by Blount County, if any, is provided by Section 13 of Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution.

5.2 Guidance for the Disposal of Sediments from Structural BMPs

Many of the structural BMPs (presented in Volume 2, Chapter 4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*) that are utilized to prevent stormwater pollutants from entering the waters of the state will accumulate sediment deposits over time and will require maintenance and cleaning to ensure that they continue to work efficiently. Depending on the characteristics of the drainage area to each structural BMP, there could be a wide nature of substances contained within the sediments. The appropriate sediment disposal method will depend on the type of contamination, if any, in the soil. Proper assessment and disposal of accumulated sediment is necessary to ensure that the sediment removed from structural BMPs does not cause discharge of pollutants to the environment. The text in this section shall be regarded as Blount County policy for proper assessment and disposal of accumulated sediments that are removed from structural BMPs. *(Note: the text below was adapted for Blount County from the City of Knoxville Land Development Manual – Policy 11, June 2003.)*

When properly designed, structural BMPs will accumulate significant quantities of sediment over time. Sediment gradually reduces the available stormwater storage capacity. A rule of thumb for BMPs such as detention ponds, extended detention ponds and stormwater ponds is that approximately 1% of the storage volume capacity associated with the 2-year design storm can be lost annually due to accumulated sediment. Therefore, approximately 20% of a pond's total storage capacity can be lost within 20 years.

In addition to long-term maintenance, sediment disposal is usually necessary during the construction process. Erosion prevention and sediment control practices and devices are not 100% effective at reducing and eliminating all sediment. Therefore, the developer must ensure that the designed detention volume has been restored and that all graded surfaces have been completely stabilized at the end of construction.

Policies pertaining to sediment disposal from structural BMPs are as follows:

1. Structural BMPs shall be inspected on a regular basis to determine the impact of sedimentation on the capacity. The frequency of inspection is dependent upon the upstream land use(s), type of BMP, and other factors. Inspections should occur during dry weather and wet weather conditions.

2. In general, remove sediment before significant accumulation can occur using a combination of equipment methods and hand shoveling. Typical intervals for sediment removal will be every 5 to 7 years for some BMP types, 10 to 20 years for others. Typical intervals for sediment removal for sediment forebay or other pretreatment settling basins will be once a year.

3. Specific guidance on inspection and maintenance frequency and activities is provided in Volume 2, Chapter 4, Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*.

4. If the structural BMP meets any of the following criteria, then the structural BMP owner must contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for further regulations and recommended disposal guidelines.

a. known contaminants are contained in the stormwater runoff that discharges to the structural BMP or in the sediment that has accumulated in the structural BMP;
b. the structural BMP receives stormwater runoff from an industrial site;
c. the structural BMP receives stormwater runoff from a fueling center;
d. the structural BMP receives stormwater runoff from one or more commercial businesses with a total parking area of at least 120,000 square feet or 400 parking spaces;
e. the Stormwater Program Director or his/her designee has reason to believe that contaminants are present based upon scientific or engineering information.

5. If the structural BMP does not meet any of the above criteria, or if the sediment has been tested and is determined to be free of contamination, then the following disposal practices are allowed:

    a. disposal at a Class III or Class IV landfill;
    b. use for fill material, cover material or land spreading on the project site;
    c. other disposal materials as approved by the Stormwater Program Director or his/her designee.

6. All sediment which is disposed onsite must be prevented from re-entering the structural BMP, or entering any other BMP, drainage channel or culvert, natural creeks or streams, or any other component of the stormwater drainage system.

6.0 References

Atlanta Regional Council (ARC). *Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Volume 2 Technical Handbook.* 2001.

City of Knoxville. *Land Development Manual.* City of Knoxville Engineering Department, Stormwater Division, June 2006.

Knox County, Tennessee. *Knox County Stormwater Management Manual*. 2006.

Appendix A

Definitions

The definitions provided in this appendix shall apply to the requirements contained in this manual. These definitions pertain to stormwater quality management only. The reader is referred to Blount County's Stormwater Quality Management Resolution for definitions that are not included in this section.

As-Built. As-constructed, field-verified plans signed and sealed by a registered professional engineer and/or a registered land surveyor, both licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee, showing contours, elevations, grades, locations, drainage and hydraulic structures, and detention basin volumes.

County. Blount County, Tennessee

Detailed Plans. A set of plans containing all information necessary to construct a safe and useful development per all local, state and federal regulations. Detailed plans must be stamped by a Licensed Engineer.

Plan Review. The review of detailed plans or water quality management plans by the Blount County Stormwater Department and/or Planning Department, and/or other administrative agencies or utilities for conformance to applicable Blount County development regulations and standards.

Engineer. A qualified civil engineer registered and currently licensed to practice engineering in the State of Tennessee.

Engineering. The preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates for, and the contract administration of the construction of streets, drainage facilities, utilities and other similar public works installed within a subdivision or site development for public or private use.

Vegetation. Collection of plant life, including trees, shrubs, bushes, and grasses.

Appendix B

WQMP Checklist

BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN CHECKLIST

Date:_____ Number of times reviewed (including this one):_____

Project Name:_____ Type of review requested:_____

Address:_____

Zoning Classifications:_____ Variances? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Variances:_____

This checklist presents the required elements of a stormwater management plan. This checklist must be submitted to the Blount County Stormwater Department along with the stormwater management plan. Each element presented in this list must be checked "Yes", as applicable to the site. Checks placed under the "No" column must be justified in a written statement attached to this checklist. Elements of the stormwater management plan that are not applicable for the site must be marked as "N/A".

GENERAL INFORMATION

☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**1. Date(s) of preparation and any revision(s).**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**2. Seal/signature of responsible engineer.**
			3. Vicinity map including:
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	a. North arrow
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	b. Scale
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	c. Adjacent roadways
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	d. Boundary lines of site
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	e. Onsite and nearby watercourses
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	f. Other necessary information to locate the development site
			4. Maps (to scale) which clearly show:
			a. The following lines with accurate bearings and distances:
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- Property boundaries
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- Lot lines
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- Right-of-way lines of streets and/or Joint Public Easements
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- Utility access or other easements
			b. The location of the
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- 100-year floodplain
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- 500-year floodplain
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- 100-year regulatory floodway
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- Required minimum floor elevations (MFEs)
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	c. An Environmental Features Inventory, which shows the boundaries of streams (stream names must be shown if known), wetlands, sinkholes, springs, steep slopes (≥15%), forested areas and grassed areas. This requirement may be superseded where a regional conservation plan exists. In such cases, the environmental features and protection corridors identified in the plan must be shown.
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	d. Dimensioned existing and proposed structures on and within 15 feet of the property boundaries
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	e. Roof drainage directions
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	f. Finished floor and grade at foundation elevations of all existing structures
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	g. Cut and fill quantities for site work
			h. Impervious area information for the site
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- For non-residential sites, and for residential subdivisions or lots where the location and footprint of impervious surfaces are known, provide location and footprint area for all impervious surfaces, including buildings, roadways, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and out-buildings.
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	- For residential subdivisions where the location(s) and footprint(s) for buildings are unknown, provide the impervious footprint for roadways, and the assigned % impervious value(s) for the site, or different areas of the site, as appropriate for the lot-layout. Percent impervious values are found in Chapter 3 of the Policy Manual for Water Quality Management. This option can only be utilized for residential sites.
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**5. Construction notes, specifications, and design details for any existing stormwater system components**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**6. Recommendations included in the soils engineering or engineering geology report incorporated in the plans and/or specifications**

GENERAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **7. Dates and reference number of the soils report(s) together with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the firm(s) or individual(s) who prepared the report(s)**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **8. Established benchmark of known elevation to which every other elevation is referenced**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **9. Horizontal control**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **10. The following statement is required on all stormwater management plans:**

"Adequate drainage, erosion and sediment control measures, best management practices, and/or other stormwater management facilities shall be provided and maintained at all times during construction. Damages to adjacent property and/or the construction site caused by the contractor's or property owner's failure to provide and maintain adequate drainage and erosion/sediment control for the construction area shall be the responsibility of the property owner and/or contractor."

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **11. Map showing project is not in threatened species, endangered species or critical habitat areas; or a letter from TWRA or USFWS giving approval for management practices.**

DRAINAGE REPORT

1. Cover Sheet

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. Title of report

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. Date of report completion/submittal and dates of any revisions

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A c. Project name, address, and Building Permit number, if applicable

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A d. Name, address, email address, and phone number of applicant

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A e. Name, address, email address, and phone number of engineering firm responsible for report preparation

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A f. Seal/signature of the Tennessee Registered Professional Civil Engineer responsible for preparing the report

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A g. A blank box, 1.5 inches (width) x 0.5 inches (height). "For Blount County Use Only" shall be just written above or below the box.

2. Table of Contents

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. All report pages, including any appendices, shall be numbered sequentially.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. List of all tables and illustrations

3. Introduction

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. Location map showing the project in relation to adjacent properties, streets, and nearby watercourses

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. Description of the existing and proposed land use/project, drainage patterns, natural watercourses, drainage problems, and floodplain status within the development

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A c. Summary of any previous hydrologic/hydraulic studies or other information which pertain to the development or property

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A d. Effect of proposed grading and/or construction on major drainage conveyances

4. Objectives and Procedures Section

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. Brief summary of the purpose of the report in relation to the project (e.g., subdivision, single-lot residential, single-lot non-residential, etc.)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. Description of the methodologies, assumptions, and procedures used in preparing the report.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A c. Description of all applicable development standards, policies, stormwater requirements, and floodplain regulations to which the proposed development must adhere

5. Hydrology Section

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. Drainage maps (drawn to scale) for pre- and post-development conditions which clearly depict contributing watersheds, sub-basins, runoff concentration points, site outfalls, flow patterns, measured flow lengths, and topographic elevations and contours

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. Hydrologic data sheets, for both pre- and post-development conditions for each runoff concentration point including time of concentration calculations, rainfall intensities, runoff coefficients or curve numbers, and peak discharges

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A c. Summary table listing all runoff concentration points, corresponding drainage areas, calculated peak discharges for pre- and post-development conditions, and differences in discharges

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A d. Summary table for the downstream hydrologic analysis, including drainage areas, calculated peak discharges for pre- and post-development conditions, and differences in discharges at the outfall(s) of the site, each downstream tributary junction, and each public or major private downstream stormwater conveyance structure to the point(s) in the stormwater system where the area of the portion of the site draining into the system is less than or equal to 10% of the total drainage area above that point

DRAINAGE REPORT (CONTINUED)

6. Hydraulics Section

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. Open channel design and capacity computations

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. Design computations for all culverts, storm drains, inlets, and street sections. Storm drain design shall include a labeled schematic of the storm drain network, design discharges, pipe capacities, profiles, outlet velocity, and hydraulic grade line

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A c. All supporting data, printouts, tables, nomographs, etc., which are referenced in the report

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A d. Rip-rap length, width, depth, and D50 size

7. Stormwater Management System Section

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. Site plan (to scale) which clearly shows the locations and dimensions of all proposed stormwater management system components that will be constructed in order to comply with the stormwater system criteria defined in the Stormwater Quality Management Resolution. This includes stormwater management facilities utilized for stormwater quality treatment, channel protection, overbank flood protection, and extreme flood protection. At a minimum, the site plan shall include the following:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Location, dimensions, elevations, contours, characteristics, cross sections, profiles, and details for all existing and proposed drainage facilities, retaining walls, cribbings, and other protective devices

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Location, size, and type(s) of inflow and outflow structures

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Cross-sections of all open channels and stormwater management facilities basins, including design water surface elevation(s)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Stormwater Management Facility design details and cross-sections. Capacity, discharge(s), spillways, and the 100-year flood elevation for all stormwater management facilities. Shading of the area inundated by the 100-year flood elevation is recommended.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Location and size of access facilities, including ramps, roadways and easements, if applicable

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Approximate location and size of all drainage, water quality, and other easements

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Boundaries of common areas or private “stormwater facility” easements, if applicable

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Maximum water surface elevations, limits of ponding, and typical facility cross-section(s)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Flow arrows, drainage divides, contours, and finished grades

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A - Roof drainage direction(s) and finish floor elevations of all buildings

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. Description of how the overall stormwater facility design will comply with County water quality, channel protection, overbank flooding, and extreme flooding design criteria

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A c. Water quality volume (WQv) calculations. This will include calculations of total impervious area, the WQv for the entire site before and after consideration of any applicable WQv reductions, and the design WQv and percent removal of total suspended solids (% TSS) for each stormwater management facility that is designed for the purposes of water quality treatment.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A d. Location, size (if applicable), and description of any WQv reductions that have been included in the WQv calculation. Sufficient information must be presented for each reduced area to show that the area or BMP conforms with the Design/Implementation Criteria presented for the reduction in Volume II Chapter 5 of the Knox County Stormwater Management Manual. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to, a description of existing and proposed vegetation, proposed vegetation management, contributing flow path length, contributing slope percentage, level spreader design calculations, soils permeability and flow velocity.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A e. Channel protection volume (CPv) calculations performed in accordance with the design criteria stated in the Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A f. Calculations to show compliance with overbank flood protection (Qp_{25}) and extreme flood protection (Qp_{100}) design criteria, including detention volume computations, if applicable

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A g. Detailed reservoir routing calculation sheets for all required design storms

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A h. Plotted inflow and outflow hydrographs (preferably superimposed)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A i. If retaining walls are utilized, include free-body diagrams showing all forces, moments, and computations required for determining factors of safety against sliding and overturning.

8 Summary and Conclusions

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A a. A brief summary of the analyses and conclusions presented in the drainage report.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A b. A brief description of how the proposed development and/or public improvements will adhere to applicable stormwater quality, quantity, and/or floodplain regulations and mitigate any impacts created by the development.

DRAINAGE REPORT (CONTINUED)

9 References

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

a. Provide a listing of pertinent sources of analysis and design procedures used.

10 Appendices

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

a. Appendices may be used for hydrologic, hydraulic, reservoir-routing calculations, etc., and other material not suited for inclusion in the main body of the report.

PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE PLAN

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

1. A map that accurately identifies the stormwater system location and components (e.g., stormwater pond, micropool extended detention pond, pipes, ditches, water quality buffers, etc.) that are located on the property. This map also must show the locations of drainage and access easements. The language used to identify each BMP in the map must be consistent with the BMP names used in the Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management and on any inspection checklists included in the O&M Plan.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

2. "Inspection Checklist and Maintenance Guidance" sheet(s) for each type of BMP that is located on the property. At a minimum, the appropriate template checklist(s) provided in Volume 2 of the Knox County Stormwater Management Manual must be utilized for the O&M Plan. However, site designers may modify the templates to include inspections and maintenance elements as needed and appropriate for the BMPs.

Appendix C

As-Built Checklist

BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AS-BUILT CHECKLIST

Date:_____ Property owner:_____

Certifying engineer:_____ Certifying surveyor (As-built):_____

Project Name:_____

Address:_____

Proposed use of this property:_____

The as-built process is necessary in order for a construction bond or performance bond to be released, as described in the Blount County Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

✔	Date	
☐	_____	**A. Submit as-built drawings which meet the minimum requirements of this checklist.**
☐	_____	**B. Submit complete stormwater design calculations (signed & stamped by a professional engineer) showing that the as-built conditions meet the minimum design criteria in the Blount County Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management. Include all inputs and methods.**
☐	_____	**C. Ensure that all roadway, drainage, stormwater BMPs, and water quality structure easements are properly delineated on a recorded plat.**
☐	_____	**D. Ensure that the Operations and Maintenance Plan is recorded at the Blount County Register of Deeds and also denoted on the recorded plat.**

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**1. Does the title block have same project name, address, and contact persons as original plans?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**2. Are seal and signature for the certifying Engineer & Surveyor shown on the as-built drawings?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**3. Does each as-built drawing contain survey benchmarks or other reference points?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**4. Does each as-built drawing contain a north arrow, bar scale, and coordinates?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**5. Is construction complete and have disturbed areas been adequately stabilized to prevent soil erosion?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**6. Are the footprints for all impervious surfaces constructed as part of the approved Stormwater Management Plan?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**7. Does each as-built drawing contain the following statement along with the Registered Land Surveyors' stamp, signature, and license number:** *I hereby certify that I have surveyed the land boundaries and easements shown hereon in accordance with accuracy requirements for a Category I survey and that the ratio for precision of the unadjusted survey is not less than 1:10,000. I further certify that I have located all natural and manmade features shown hereon in accordance with the current Standards of Practice as adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors. I certify the location, elevation and description of these features.*
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**8. Does each as-built drawing contain the following statement along with the registered Engineer's stamp, signature, and license number:** *Based on site observations and/or information provided by a registered Land Surveyor, I hereby certify that all grading, drainage, structures, and/or systems, erosion and sediment control practices including facilities, and vegetative measures have been completed in substantial conformance with the approved plans and specifications.*

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS - STORM DRAINAGE STRUCTURES (Pipes, Culverts, Bridges, Inlets, Endwalls, Junction Boxes, Catch Basins, etc.):

☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**1. Are all drainage pipes and structures located correctly on the drawings?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**2. Is each drainage pipe labeled with slope, length, size or diameter, material, and inverts?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**3. Is each drainage structure labeled with top and invert elevations, size, material, and detail #?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**4. Is pump system data included (location, pump make and model, capacity, switch design, inlet and discharge sizes, maximum and minimum water surface, and head-flow curves)?**
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A	**5. Are all drainage structures located in the drainage easement?**

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS - STORMWATER BMPs

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **1. Do all plan views correctly show stormwater BMPs at a readable scale, with 1-foot contours where 2-foot contours do not show sufficient detail?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **2. Are locations and invert elevations for all pipe/ditch outfalls into stormwater BMPs shown?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **3. Are BMP and access easements shown and labeled? Are all conflicts avoided?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **4. Does the plan include accurate details of outlet structures, including all orifices and weirs, such as size, diameter, invert elevation, means of anchoring, underdrain systems, etc?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **5. Do stormwater BMPs provide for the treatment of the water quality volume to a minimum standard of 80% TSS removal, in accordance with the Blount County Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management? Are computations provided that are adequate to support 80% TSS removal?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **6. Do stormwater BMPs provide for the capture and discharge of the channel protection volume over no less than a 24-hour period? Are computations provided that are adequate to support the channel protection standard?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **7. Do stormwater BMPs provide for the attenuation of the peak discharges for the 2-, 5-, 10-, and 25-year storm events in accordance with Blount County standards? Are computations provided adequate to prove attenuation?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **8. Has minimum freeboard of 1 foot been provided between 100-year storm and top of berm?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **9. Are manufacturer's identification number, make, model, and size for all proprietory BMPs shown on the plans?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **10. Does the property's Operation and Maintenance Manual include and address each type of BMP?**

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS - WATER QUALITY REDUCTION AREAS

The following questions pertain to water quality reduction areas only.

1. Which WQv reductions were received in the development of this site (check all that apply):

- ☐ 1. Natural area preservation reduction
- ☐ 2. Managed area preservation reduction
- ☐ 3. Stream and vegetated buffers reduction
- ☐ 4. Vegetated channels reduction
- ☐ 5. Impervious area disconnection reduction
- ☐ 6. Environmentally sensitive large-lot neighborhood reduction

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **2. For reductions 1, 2, 3, and 6: Does the plan clearly show the outer boundaries of all open spaces, and indicate the intended vegetation and use of space?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **3. For reduction 2: Does the plan include a Vegetative Management Plan that indicates how the vegetation in the Managed Area will be managed in a stormwater-friendly manner?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **4. For reductions 4 and 6: Are the location of the vegetated channels clearly indicated on the drawing and constructed in conformance with design requirements stated in the Blount County Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management? Provide slope, length, size, and vegetation type (e.g., fescue grass, bermuda grass, etc.).**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **5. For reductions 5 and 6: Are locations of disconnected downspouts clearly indicated on the drawings and labeled with the statement "This downspout shall remain disconnected from the impervious surfaces and shall forever be discharged onto pervious surfaces".**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **6. For reductions 5 and 6: Do impervious area disconnections conform to the design requirements stated in the Blount County Policy Manual for Stormwater Quality Management?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **7. For reduction 6, are the maximum lot density, the total impervious cover percentage, and open spaces shown and correctly labeled on the drawings?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A **8. For reduction 6, is the type of legal instrument (convenants, deed restrictions, etc.) that will be used to limit imperviousness and open space development in the neighborhood indicated on the drawing?**

Appendix D

Special Pollution Abatement Permit

Blount County Stormwater Department
1006 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN 37804
Office 865.681.9301 / Fax 865.681.9502
Website: http://www.blounttn.org/stormwater.asp

	Special Pollution Abatement Permit (SPAP) Facility Pollution Prevention Program (Section 7 of the Illicit Discharge Resolution No. 08-08-015)	Permit No. (Office Use Only)

Submit information for application of a Blount County Special Pollution Abatement Permit to comply with the following:

A. Enter the legal or official name of the facility. Do not use colloquial name.
B. Give the mailing address and physical location of facility. Determine watershed name and receiving water(s) and Parcel ID.
C. For sections 1-10, include the supporting information in the box provided or attach an exhibit labeling which section it is in reference to. Provide complete data in a legible and clearly organized format.
D. Verify that the certification on this permit is read, thoroughly understood, and signed by the appropriate persons.

A) NAME OF FACILITY:

B) Mailing Address:

Physical Location:

Watershed / Receiving Water:

Parcel ID:

C) SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

1. Name of contact person for permit compliance, including job title, address, and phone numbers. The contact person shall be responsible for keeping records of incidents such as significant spills of toxic pollutants or other discharges which may affect stormwater runoff quality. The contact person shall document and record all inspections and maintenance activities.

2. Description of facility, nature of work performed and type of facility.

3. Site map of facility with buildings, parking, drives, materials loading and access areas, dumpsters, type of each impervious surface, ditches, pipes, catch basins, drainage basin limits, area of facility, acreage of offsite water draining onto facility, discharge points to "Waters of the State" or "Community Waters" with name of the water or channel. This map will be a minimum scale of 1"=50'.

Stormwater Department Use Only

Date Received:	**Reviewer(s):**	
Date of Coverage:	**Expiration Date:**	**Permit No.:**

4. Submit an instruction plan to employees at all levels within the company on methods to prevent stormwater runoff pollution. The plan shall identify periodic dates for such training and methods used. Submit a site specific spill protection plan that deals with actual hazardous materials and emergency response equipment at the site.

5. A narrative description of significant materials (as defined by 40 CFR 122.26) that are currently or in the past have been treated, stored or disposed outside; method of onsite storage or disposal; materials management practices used to minimize contact of these materials with stormwater runoff for the past three years; materials loading and access area; material disposal areas, location and description of existing structural and non-structural control measures to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff; and a description of any treatment the stormwater receives. Also include an MSDS sheet for each significant material.

6. Include a record of available sampling data describing pollutants in stormwater discharges, if available. Carefully research using historical data from previous owner/operator, government records and investigation reports.

7. Include a preventative maintenance program that includes regular inspection and maintenance of all stormwater management devices (such as cleaning grit chambers and catch basins). Maintenance program shall also include inspecting and testing plant equipment and systems to uncover conditions that could potentially cause breakdowns or failures resulting in discharges of pollutants to surface waters or to groundwater.

8. Submit a maintenance schedule of sweeping or vacuuming of facility to prevent washout from deposited emissions laden with hydrocarbons, oxides, salts, metals, worn pavement particulates, hydrocarbons from leaks and spills, trash, debris, garbage, metal, tire particles, brake lining particles and various chemicals from the water and deterioration of vehicles. In the event of remedial work or action, submit a cleanup schedule for debris or material storage areas.

9. Description of other ways the facility plans to implement programs to reduce the discharge of pollutants into stormwater runoff. Provide estimated quantity of stormwater flow, direction of flow and an estimate of the types of pollutants which are likely to be present in stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity for each area of the facility. Designate each area of the facility as having high, medium or low potential for stormwater pollution and explain rationale.

10. Include plans, details and specifications that show construction of new structures to protect discharge outfalls into "Water of the State" or into "Community Waters". Common examples include an appropriately sized grit chamber, oil skimmer, oil/water separator, media filtration inserts, etc. Vegetative measures such as grassed swales, constructed wetlands, existing forests or a detention basin are commonly used to supplement structural measures.

D) CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES:

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE (SIGNED BY PRESIDENT, OWNER OR RANKING OFFICIAL)

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and attached exhibits. Based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and/or imprisonment."

Printed Name:_____ Title:_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERMIT COMPLIANCE (SIGNED BY CONTACT PERSON)

"I also certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and attached exhibits. Based on my investigations, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and/or imprisonment."

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(a) Some facilities which are not yet constructed may not have selected a permanent contact person who will be ultimately responsible for permit compliance. In these instances, the contact person may be a technical person within the company who is generally responsible for environmental compliance issues.

(b) The president, owner or other ranking official who certifies this document is responsible for keeping the Blount County Stormwater Department up-to-date concerning the name of the contact person. The president, owner or other ranking official who certifies this document is also responsible for notifying the Blount County Stormwater Department if he/she is no longer an official with the company.

If any information changes or is subsequently found to be in error, please resubmit necessary pages of the Special Pollution Abatement Permit application along with new signatures and dates.

Permit expires five (5) years from date of issuance, or as noted on the first page of this permit.

Submit this permit application along with the Water Quality Management Plan for the proposed development or redevelopment to:

Blount County Government
Stormwater Department
1006 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway
Maryville, TN 37804