

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:

- New development should be required to evaluate the impacts of the land use on water resources (watershed impervious percentages).
- Evaluate the minimum pavement width requirements in the Subdivision Regulations, and consider reducing the street width in developments that have less than 500 average daily trips (ADT).
- Consider allowing flexible road design in higher density developments. (“queuing streets”) Evaluate the cul-de-sacs requirements to determine if landscaped islands or alternative turn-arounds could be provided.
- Consider reducing the number of parking spaces required and establishing maximum parking standards and shared parking arrangements.
- Review the current parking lot landscaping requirements.
- Evaluate the Open Space Subdivision process. Cluster design should be the easier process. Consider increasing flexibility in the design of Open Space subdivisions.
- Consider providing flexibility in the requirement of sidewalks/walking paths.
- Establish town standards for driveway width and shared driveways.
- Consider the use of “rain gardens”.
- Review the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines, and determine if there are opportunities for improvement. Improve the erosion and sediment control inspection procedures and provide staff training. Review the erosion and sediment control enforcement mechanisms.
- Improve the stormwater construction inspection procedure and provide staff training. Maintenance of stormwater practices over the life of the stormwater practice maintenance agreement or covenant between the permitting agency and the private owner, builder, or homeowner’s association in charge of maintenance
- Consider the creation of a stormwater utility.
- Consider a fee for site imperviousness .