

Appendix C

Model Stormwater Ordinances

Designers of stormwater management ordinances do not have to start from scratch. Many model ordinances are available to help communities implement effective runoff control. These ordinances can be used as a template for communities to customize to fit their needs.

Local Resources

The Metropolitan Council developed a model stormwater management ordinance, available on the web in both PDF and text formats: www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Watershed/model_sw_ord.pdf and www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Watershed/model_sw_ord.txt

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's model ordinance is aimed at controlling pollution in new developments. It is available in two formats (MS Word and PDF) on the MPCA website: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater-c.html. Look under Program Information on the lower right side of the page.

A stormwater ordinance is included in a publication by Minnesota Planning, *From Policy to Reality: Model Ordinances for Sustainable Development*. In addition, the document contains ordinances pertaining to growth management, neighborhood design, efficient building and other areas. The full publication is available on the web in PDF format: www.mnplan.state.mn.us/SDI/ordinancestoc.html.

National Web Sites

The Center for Watershed Protection (CWP, Ellicott City, Maryland) administers two thorough, easy-to-use websites on stormwater management (www.stormwatercenter.net and www.cwp.org). These sites provide text and tools to help users custom-design stormwater ordinances to suit their local communities. On either site (the information is same on both), click on the Ordinances section for a menu of categories, which include Post-Construction Runoff, Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) and Operations and Maintenance, among others. Each category includes a model ordinance, examples of ordinances from various municipalities and explanation of the reasoning and goals of the regulations.

Also on the web, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water offers "Model Ordinances to Protect Local Resources," with categories similar to those at the CWP site, mentioned above. See www.epa.gov/owow/nsp/ordinance/index.htm.