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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CITY OF PORTLAND

Chapter 17.38 Update

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BES manages Portland's wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to protect public health and the environment.

17.38 Drainage and Water Quality

Code authority to protect water quality:

- In place since 1999
- Protection of streams and rivers, groundwater, and city systems.
- Compliance with State and Federal environmental permits (MS4, CSO, UIC, and TMDL).
- Management of stormwater.
- Control of pollutant generating activities.



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17.38 Drainage and Water Quality

Supports code authority for:

- Source Control Manual: Regulates pollutant generating activities (e.g. industrial sites, trash, gas stations, and others)
- Stormwater Management Manual: Requires stormwater management for development projects
- Maintenance Inspection Program: Provides ongoing inspections of stormwater facility maintenance





Alignment with 2035 Comprehensive Plan

Chapter 7: Environment and Watershed Health

"Improve... watershed health, including hydrology, water quality..."

"Prevent incremental environmental degradation including... adverse impacts of additional impervious area."

Chapter 8: Public Facilities and Services

"Set clear standards for service delivery and system expansion for... stormwater systems..."

"Emphasize the development of facilities that serve multiple goals."

"Reduce risks to human and environmental health and safety."

Chapter 1: The Plan

Policy 1.13: Consistency with state and federal regulations

Policy 1.14: Public facility adequacy

Chapter 3: Urban Form

Goal 3.B: A climate and hazard resilient urban form

Goal 3.G: Nature in the city Policy 3.7: Integrate nature

Policy 3.20: Green infrastructure in centers Policy 3.47: Green infrastructure in corridors

Chapter 4: Design and Development

Goal 4.C: Human and environmental health Policy 4.4: Natural features and green

infrastructure

Policy 4.73: Design with nature

Policy 4.75: Low-impact development and best practices

Policy 4.76: Impervious surfaces

Chapter 7: Environment and Watershed Health

Goal 7.B: Healthy watersheds and environment

Goal 7.C: Resilience

Goal 7.D: Environmental equity Goal 7.E: Community stewardship

Policy 7.1: Environmental quality

Policy 7.6: Hydrology Policy 7.7: Water quality Policy 7.14: Natural Hazards

Policy 7.16: Adaptive management

Policy 7.26: Improving environmental conditions Policy 8.70: Natural systems

through development

Chapter 8: Public Facilities and Services

Goal 8.A: Quality public facilities and services

Goal 8.B: Multiple benefits

Goal 8.E: Sanitary and stormwater systems

Policy 8.3: Urban service delivery Policy 8.20: Regulatory compliance Policy 8.21: System capacity

Policy 8.42: Stormwater management

Policy 8.66: Pollution prevention

Policy 8.68: Stormwater facilities

Policy 8.69: Stormwater as a resource

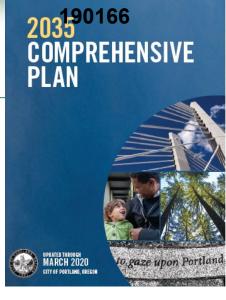
Policy 8.71: Green infrastructure

Policy 8.72: Stormwater discharge

Policy 8.73: On-site stormwater management

Policy 8.74: Pollution prevention

Policy 8.75: Stormwater partnerships



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Changes and Benefits

Comprehensive rewrite and reorganization.

- Improve clarity
- Simplify language
- Update in parallel with administrative rules for consistency

- 17.38 changes do not expand BES authority.
- Modernize language including definitions.
- Gender neutral language.
- Removed some specifics that are addressed in admin rule.









Process

Public comment period along with SWMM. June 2020

- Direct Outreach to:
 - Development community
 - Neighborhood Coalition offices
 - Office of Civic Life approved list of Diversity and Civic Leadership organizations
 - Other interested parties
- Hosted 3 information sessions. Over 100 attendees.
- No public comments received on 17.38.

Schedule

- Pending Council vote: 17.38 in effect early November
- Associated updates to the SWMM and SCM take effect later this year with approval from the BES Director





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