



Stormwater Impact Fund

Implementation Plan

OVERVIEW

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District's (RWMWD) mission is to preserve and improve water resources and related ecosystems in the District. The District adopted Rules in September 2006. The Rules were most recently amended on June 5, 2019 and require stormwater treatment for projects that disturb one acre of land or greater. Stormwater Management Rule C requires permanent Best Management Practices (BMPs) to achieve volume reduction in the amount equivalent to 1.1" rainfall over the proposed impervious surfaces of the development. The alternative compliance section of Rule C allows for payment into the Stormwater Impact Fund when onsite practices, offsite treatment, or banked volume reduction credits cannot be used to achieve compliance. Money contributed to the Stormwater Impact Fund will be used to provide volume reduction elsewhere in the District.

GOALS

The Stormwater Impact Fund is the last step in the alternative compliance sequencing process of RWMWD Rule C and is intended to:

- Provide an alternative method to achieve volume reduction for permitted projects
- Account for unique conditions that may make compliance difficult on some sites
- Incorporate flexibility into the District's stormwater treatment requirements
- Provide applicants a known process and expenditure for project planning and budgeting

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND

The following criteria must be met in order for a project to be eligible for contribution to the Stormwater Impact Fund as required in RWMWD Rule C:

- Documentation of specific site conditions indicating why standard compliance is not feasible
- Documentation that the alternative compliance sequencing steps have been satisfied
- In the case of deferred volume reduction credits as provided for in Rule C, documentation to support why the required BMPs have not been constructed within two years of approving the deferral

ELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF FUNDS

Money from the Stormwater Impact Fund shall be allocated to the following two activities:

1. Project planning and engineering for construction of volume reduction practices
2. Construction of volume reduction projects

The District Administrator will evaluate projects as funding becomes available and assign priority to projects based on the following criteria:

1. Projects located within the same subwatershed as the permitted project(s) contributing to the Fund.
2. Projects that are identified in completed subwatershed studies or other planning documents
3. Projects that include multiple funding and planning partners
4. Quantity of stormwater treated
5. Cost per pound of phosphorus removed