



History of Stormwater Enhancements in Princeton

- In June 2017 we adopted regulations which reduced the size of projects which would be governed by fully engineered stormwater management requirements & created alternate standards which would apply to smaller projects
- Prior to adoption, the Watershed Institute did a campaign of public outreach, including presentations to our Environmental Commission, to Council, and outreach to the developer community.
- We are in the process of addressing problems which arose with the rules governing small projects, mostly involving underperformance of management techniques implemented inappropriately where soil conditions weren't suitable.



Incorporation of revised New Jersey green infrastructure Standards in Princeton

- This year we have been working on editing the state's model ordinance requiring use of green infrastructure, to incorporate the same enhancements we already have adopted in Princeton.
- Issues of particular concern include the waiver process. State rules require off-site construction of facilities in the same drainage catchment area, whether on private property, or through a public mitigation plan – Princeton is in the process of trying to document our existing flows in town to enable us to identify potential stormwater mitigation projects throughout town.
- We anticipate waivers for small projects, which are not governed by state regulations, will be handled with waiver fees, which has gotten us thinking about implementing a Stormwater Utility.



Future of Stormwater Management enhancements in Princeton

- One enhancement we have been working on, again with the Watershed Institute's assistance and encouragement is a redevelopment standard which will require implementation of stormwater management facilities whenever existing unmanaged impervious surface is replaced.
- We are also very interested in establishment of a Stormwater Utility, enabled by state legislation in 2019, which will allow us to more fairly distribute the costs of maintaining and building new stormwater infrastructure, by assessing fees based on each property owner's flow of stormwater off their property, rather than simply the size of their property. This fee, which is not a tax, would also apply to tax-exempt institutions which currently do not contribute to the municipality's burden.