



This information addresses the most common questions regarding the Stormwater Post-Construction Program. Additional information is located at www.phoenix.gov/pdd/stormwater.

Why is the City of Phoenix implementing this program?

The City of Phoenix's (City's) stormwater system operates under a Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ.) This requires the City to manage discharges to the MS4 to reduce the discharge of pollutants to protected surface waters. New permit requirements for stormwater post-construction features were included in the City's new MS4 permit.

What are stormwater post-construction controls?

Post-construction stormwater controls are devices or features permanently installed and designed to manage or treat stormwater, including but not limited to retention, detention, storage, infiltration, or treatment systems.

They do not include temporary devices that are required during construction (waddles, silt fencing, rock track out pads) channels. Additionally, this program does not apply to conveyance structures like culverts, channels, catch basins with no inserts, and storm drains.

Who does this program apply to?

This program applies to all new public and private development and redevelopment applications submitted on or after July 1, 2022.

What projects will fall under the jurisdiction of this program?

- Project is one (1) acre or greater in size.
- Application was submitted on or after July 1, 2022.
- Project contains at least one permanent post-construction control as defined above.
- Stormwater from the post-construction control will discharge or has the potential to discharge to the MS4.

What additional forms / documents are required to be submitted?

1. Operations and Maintenance Plan (TRT 00132) with Grading & Drainage or Paving Plan
2. Program Inventory Form (TRT 00090) with Project Close Out Documentation

What are the on-going requirements?

Using the form provided in the O&M Plan, the property owner or their designee should conduct annual inspections of the features and complete the standard inventory form. The City will conduct routine and complaint driven inspections as needed.

Is participation in this program voluntary?

No, these requirements are driven by state regulations, therefore; the City has the obligation to comply with the provisions set forth in the MS4 permit.

Are the Operation and Maintenance requirements new?

No, the Phoenix City Code, construction approvals, and the City's Stormwater Policies and Standards Manual, current version, requires features to be "properly maintained to promote performance of the drainage facilities consistent with the original design intent."

Who is responsible for the costs associated with this program?

The property owner will be responsible for the costs associated with inspecting and maintaining their stormwater post-construction features.

How will this program impact my budget?

The review fee for the Stormwater Post-Construction Program O&M Plan (TRT 00132) is \$150 per hour not to exceed 2 hours.

Where can I find more information about Stormwater Rules and Operations and Maintenance Requirements?

Storm Water Policies and Standards Manual

<https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/reference-material/sw-manual>

City of Phoenix Water Services Department Stormwater Management Program

<https://www.phoenix.gov/waterservices/envservices/stormwater-program>

City of Phoenix Office of Environmental Programs

<https://www.phoenix.gov/oep/Stormwater>

Phoenix City Code Chapter 32A – Grading and Drainage

Phoenix City Code Chapter 32C – Stormwater Quality Protection

<https://phoenix.municipal.codes>

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

<https://azdeq.gov/Stormwater>

I have more questions. Who do I contact?

Contact the Stormwater Post-Construction Program Manager at 602-534-7140 or email postconstruction.storm@phoenix.gov.