



The City of Phoenix (City) is implementing a new inventory, inspection, and tracking program for permanent stormwater post-construction controls. This document serves to outline the anticipated requirements for public and private development projects. This will allow the City to maintain compliance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ's) Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) program. This post-construction program is not a substitute for any current application, permitting, inspection, or approval process.

Purpose of the Program

- The City's stormwater system operates under a Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit from ADEQ. The City must 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.
- The City started phasing in implementation of new permit requirements as of July 1, 2022. New elements of this program will continue to be announced as they are developed.

Project Applicability

This program applies to all new public and private development and redevelopment applications submitted on or after July 1, 2022, that also meet all the criteria below:

- Project results in the disturbance of one (1) acre or greater in size.
- Project contains permanent post-construction controls (detention basin, dry well, green stormwater infrastructure, etc.).
- Stormwater from the control will discharge or has the potential to discharge to the MS4.

Program Requirements

- The owner is required to maintain continuously, at their own expense, those controls in satisfactory and effective operation consistent with the original design and intent of the controls to achieve compliance with ADEQ requirements.
- Projects will require a site inspection within one (1) year after construction completion.
- It is anticipated property owners (or designee) will be required to complete a site-specific operation and maintenance (O&M) manual for the post-construction stormwater controls. The O&M manual shall include the site conditions, maintenance frequency and practices, and inspection criteria for each stormwater post-construction control. The City is developing an O&M manual template to streamline development and approval of this plan.
- Maintenance requirements under the current City of Phoenix Stormwater Policies and Standards Manual and applicable Phoenix City Code in Chapter 32 remain in effect.

If you have questions about this program or would like additional information, please visit www.phoenix.gov/pdd/stormwater or email the Stormwater Post-Construction Program Manager at postconstruction.storm@phoenix.gov.