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Subject: Letter to Industry 4/11/2023: Revised Durham County Stormwater Ordinance Adopted

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to inform Durham County and the Development Community of recent amendments to the Durham County Stormwater Ordinance, and adoption of revisions to the new Neuse River Nutrient Management Strategy.

Applicability

On April 10, 2023, the revised Durham County Stormwater Ordinance became effective. There were several amendments to the Durham County Stormwater Ordinance, and full text of the amendments can be found at <https://www.dconc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/38692>. The most significant changes include:

- Updates to comply with the new Neuse River Nutrient Management Strategy, including:
 - Built Upon Area and density calculation changes
 - Applicability changes based on project density
- Provisions added to clarify runoff volume match projects automatically meet state nutrient requirements, as well as updated and modified definitions.
- Updated applicability and exemptions, as well as low impact development incentives.
- Coordination in ordinance with stormwater rules, buffer rules, and UDO requirements.
- Reorganization for clarity and ease of use, and flow charts published on our website.

Effective Date

This Letter to Industry will become effective for all projects submitted through the Durham City/County Planning Site Plan Process on or after April 11, 2023.

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