

INCLUDING DURING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS, concerning the impact of stormwater on waters of the State.

(b) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations which establish criteria and procedures for stormwater management in Maryland. The rules and regulations shall:

(1) Indicate that the primary goal of the State and local programs will be to maintain after development, as nearly as possible, the predevelopment runoff characteristics;

(2) Make allowance for the difference in hydrologic characteristics and stormwater management needs of different parts of the State;

(3) Specify that watershed-wide analyses may be necessary to prevent undesirable downstream effects of increased stormwater runoff;

(4) Specify the exemptions a county or municipality may grant from the requirements of submitting a stormwater management plan;

(5) (I) Specify the minimum content of the local ordinances or the rules and regulations of the affected county governing body to be adopted which may be done by inclusion of a model ordinance or model rules and regulations; AND

(II) ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND A MODEL ORDINANCE OR MODEL RULE AND REGULATION FOR A LOCAL ZONING ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS FOR THAT REQUIRE:

1. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SITE DESIGN TECHNIQUES IN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE;

2. THE REVIEW AND MODIFICATION, IF NECESSARY, OF PLANNING AND ZONING OR PUBLIC WORKS ORDINANCES TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL SITE DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION; AND

3. A DEVELOPER TO DEMONSTRATE THAT:

A. ENVIRONMENTAL SITE DESIGN HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE; AND

B. STANDARD BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES HAVE BEEN USED ONLY WHERE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY;