



The Town of Riverhead
Storm Water Management Office
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On December 31, 2007 the Town adopted and or amended
Chapter 108-95 Subdivision Regulations—General Provisions
Chapter 108-129—Subdivision Regulations—Review authorized;
approval required; penalties; issuance of permits
and certificates of occupancy;
Chapter 110—Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sedi-
ment Control Regulations
Chapter 109 —Prohibition of Illicit Discharges and Connections
to the Town of Riverhead Municipal Separate
Storm Sewer System.

These revisions and two new chapters have been included in the
Town of Riverhead Town Code along with Chapter 108-95 and
Chapter 108-129 pertaining to Storm Water Control and how it
pertains to the Site Plan Review Process and the issuance of per-
mits associated with Ground Disturbance.

Construction Site Runoff is a major contributor to the contamina-
tion of the Municipal Storm Water Sewer System (MS4) and in
some instances can adversely effect water bodies associated with
the MS4's or in close proximity to construction sites.



In addition, the proper design and installation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) to mitigate storm water from leaving active construction sites can actually improve water quality in the event that a significant rain event where storm water exits the sites.

To comply with the Federal Clean Water Act, and State and local codes, the Town is requiring that development/ or redevelopment activity in which more than 1 acre of ground disturbance will occur, albeit commercial, residential, industrial, will be required to submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) with a Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with Town of Riverhead Chapter 110. The purpose of these documents is to provide information to the



to the Town on the impervious nature of the lot as well as the proposed grading. A more holistic approach to storm water management may be realized during this process to im-

prove the water quality of our surface waters.

If the site is in close proximity to impaired water bodies, there are pollutants of concern (POC) that need to be addressed. The Town of Riverhead has several impaired water bodies within its boundaries

1. Flanders Bay, East/Center and its tributaries—POC= pathogens
2. Flanders Bay, West/Lower Sawmill Creek—POC= nitrogen and pathogens
3. Meetinghouse/Terrys Creeks and tributaries—POC = nitrogen and pathogens
4. Peconic River, Lower and tidal tributaries—POC = nitrogen and pathogens
5. Reeves Ban and tidal tributaries—POC = pathogens

Other water resources found in Riverhead include the following;

Deep Pond	Hallocks Pond	Grassy Pond
Duck Ponds	Merritts Pond	Peconic Bay
Eastern Long Island Sound	Peconic Lake	



New construction which disturbs more than one acre of land must apply for permit coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities (GP-0-08-001 or GP-0-08-002).

If the development disturbs less than one acre but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale (Subdivisions) or if the site is within an impaired waterbody watershed the owner must file for coverage.

Permit coverage begins when the Town has reviewed, commented, and approved the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and has provided the applicant with the Municipal SWPPP Acceptance Form. The applicant then submits a Town approved Notice of Intent (NOI) along with the acceptance form to the NYSDEC.



Coverage under the permit will require the applicant to perform weekly inspection of the site's sediment and erosion controls, perform BMP's for vehicle maintenance, concrete wash out activities, maintaining a minimal dust environment, and performing inspections after a significant rain event of more than 1/2" in a 24-hour period.

Town of Riverhead Chapter 110 and NYSDEC Permit GP-0-08-001 describes the procedures for site inspections and enforcement of erosion and sediment control measures, including soil stockpile treatment, vehicle and product maintenance, emergency procedures and contacts. The key to good housekeeping is developing an efficient schedule with sediment and erosion control measures as the first installed item to protect slopes and to prevent construction site debris from being tracked onto the municipal roads, thereby, contaminating the Municipal Storm Water Sewer System (MS4). By May 1, 2010, construction site operators must be trained in erosion and sediment control procedures through the NYSDEC or other approved agency, before they are approved for work within the Town of Riverhead.

The Storm Water Management Office would like to invite applicants to feel free to stop by, call or write with any issues, and concerns. Our goal is to ensure developers pro-actively consider storm water issues at the conceptual design stage. As well as, to holistically consider the site, its topography, and develop best management plans that can organically treat contaminated storm-water from the on-set of construction to post construction measures.

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