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## **Stormwater Ordinance Updates**

The following document is an updated ordinance to comply with our current National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Rutherford County's current permit was effective on March 9, 2011. The County is issued a NPDES permit to discharge stormwater just like a construction site is issued a permit to discharge stormwater from their site. One of the differences in the two permits is that a construction site is a clearly defined area with a discharge point, whereas, the County's "site" is all the stormwater discharge from roadside ditches, stormwater systems in developments, or any other public drainage system. In addition to allowing Stormwater discharge, the permit has incremental requirements on how to regulate community stormwater. The permit is issued every five years and when a new permit is issued the county must comply with the changes in the new permit in the proper time frame.

The main purpose of this Ordinance update is to make changes to our old Ordinance to comply with the current milestones of the permit. Some minor changes to the format and adjustments to typing errors have been made for a more user friendly document. Changes to the format and sections make the document easier to read and use. Below is the major change made in the Ordinance. All the changes made are the minimum changes that can be made to be in compliance with our NPDES permit. If you have any questions about our NPDES permit, Stormwater Ordinance, or just the Stormwater program in general contact the Engineering office at (615) 898-7732

### **Chapter 4 Section 2 Water Quality Design Requirements (Page 4-2)**

This is a new requirement and was not addressed in our old Ordinance. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the permit, all new and redeveloped sites that require Stormwater management must infiltrate the first inch of water of every rain event. Any site that cannot meet this requirement, must meet one of the approved limitations. Sites with limitations must still meet the current 80% Total Suspended Solids removal.