



Update: Emergency Regulations

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Local Stormwater Ordinance Adoption

- Allegany County adopted Ordinance March 11, 2010 to become effective May 5, 2010
- The Ordinance did not include flexibility for grandfathering of projects currently in pipeline
 - May 4, 2010 was absolute deadline for final approval regardless of any “preliminary approvals”



State Emergency Regulations

- April 7, 2010 – State adopted emergency regulations to provide flexibility for:
 - Grandfathering of current projects under “old” regulations; and
 - Redevelopment requirements



State Emergency Regulations

- Grandfathering Policies
 - Applicable for projects that have a “preliminary approval” (i.e. preliminary or final plat approval) by May 4, 2010 only
 - Provides for an “administrative waiver” that is basically a 3-year extension of the May 4, 2010 deadline for final SWM/SEC approval, hence final approval deadline becomes May 4, 2013
 - Also, project must be constructed by May 4, 2017
- Redevelopment Policies
 - Waivers available where stringent standards cannot be met



Amendment Adoption

- Allegany County intends to adopt these policies that provide flexibility as “emergency regulation” amendments
 - May 13, 2010 – Introduction to Commissioners
 - May 20, 2010 – Public Hearing
 - May 27, 2010 – Formal Adoption of Amendments – Effective Immediately
- Bottom line: by the end of May, we will have flexibility adopted





Questions?

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