

## COUNCIL POLICY

<b>SUBJECT:</b> SURFACE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT - DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES		
<b>DATE:</b> JULY 16, 2001	<b>REFERENCE:</b> 01/CW	

1. **Purpose**

To establish guidelines for the use of dedicated public park land for the creation of stormwater management and/or wetland facilities as part of the stormwater management plans from private development in Saanich.

2. **Use of Parkland for Stormwater Facilities**

Where confirmed by the Approving Officer, a portion of the land dedicated for parkland or a portion of existing parkland may be used for surface stormwater management facilities including engineered wetlands. Manmade subsurface stormwater management facilities will not be constructed under park lands without special approval from Saanich Council.

3. **Conditions of Approval**

Approvals for use of parkland for stormwater management must meet the following conditions:

1. facility designs must be prepared by a person who is trained in the design of biological, hydraulic and aesthetic concerns for engineered wetlands or surface stormwater facilities in urban environs.
2. park areas that already have significant trees, other environmental assets or developed park facilities would not likely be considered for stormwater management.
3. all designs must be reviewed by the Director of Parks and Public Works and approved by the Director of Engineering Services.
4. each site must be evaluated to ensure the stormwater facilities are an asset in terms of hydraulic viability, environmental restoration, habitat creation, recreation and educational activities.

4. **Maintenance**

1. Stormwater facilities constructed within parkland will be maintained by the Municipality.
2. Stormwater facilities constructed on private, strata or multi family sites will be maintained by the affected property owners.