



Keeping Watch Over Our Waters

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City Utilities Committee
Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Ave. SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

**RE: Proposed Amendments to Atlanta's Post-Construction
Stormwater Ordinance – 10/8/2020 Meeting**

Dear Members of the City Utilities Committee,

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper opposes the most recent revised version of the City of Atlanta's proposed Post-Development Stormwater Management Ordinance dated 10/5/2020 that will be considered by the City Utilities Committee on Thursday, October 8 from 1-3 PM. Please accept this letter as official public comments for your consideration.

Also, please see our previous comment letter dated July 13, 2020 which supported ordinance updates at that time prior to recent revisions.

Unfortunately, the most recent version has removed an important element from the previously proposed version regarding the new extended detention requirements (see section c of page 28 of 50 of the currently redlined ordinance). The currently proposed version removed this language for development sites unable to use green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff. This change will negatively impact existing stormwater infrastructure, the environment and adjacent neighbors and properties.

For sites unable to utilize green infrastructure, it is imperative that extended detention be required to protect the environment and surrounding properties. This is especially true of areas within a combined sewer watershed. Please reconsider the removal of this language from the previously considered version of the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Sincerely,



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