

DWM spokesman statement to Saporta Report, Nov. 3, 2020:

At the work session, it seemed maybe like Watershed's posture is that the draft is still in the works and needs more review. Am I understanding that right?

The Department of Watershed Management has worked with all stakeholders throughout the development of updates to this ordinance. We will continue to conduct additional analyses and research based on public comment to determine if additional changes are needed to the proposed ordinance.

What should people know about the city's intent with this rewrite?

The intent of the proposed revisions is to meet the regulatory requirements mandated by the City's MS4 permit and address the City of Atlanta's commitment to addressing the impacts of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces.

What do you say to people who are calling for more green infrastructure requirements?

The City of Atlanta has been a leader in installing green infrastructure to address stormwater runoff. Since the Post Development Stormwater Ordinance was implemented in 2013 requiring green infrastructure for new construction projects, over 1.2 billion gallons of stormwater have been diverted from the stormwater system each year through the use of green infrastructure practices. The City of Atlanta fully embraces green infrastructure practices and diligently works to implement measures whenever feasible.