



Managing Stormwater Runoff

NPDES Stormwater Program

Compliance

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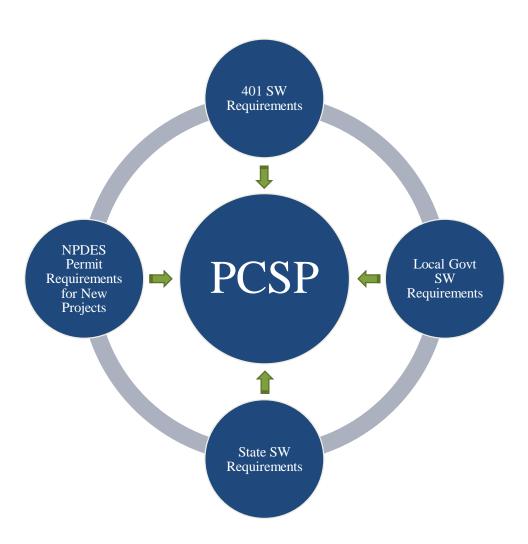
Post-Construction Stormwater Program (PCSP) =

Compliance with Stormwater Regulations





# Post-Construction Stormwater Program is a One Stop Compliance Shop





# Clean Water Act, Section 402: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permitting Program



Delegation



Environmental Quality



### NCDOT's NPDES Stormwater Permit

- First issued in 1998
- Permit renewed every 5 years
- Current permit 2015 2020

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF ENERGY, MINERAL AND LAND RESOURCES PERMIT NO. NCS000250

TO DISCHARGE STORMWATER AND BORROW PIT WASTEWATER UNDER THE

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-215.1, other lawful standards and regulations promulgated and adopted by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended,

#### North Carolina Department of Transportation

is hereby authorized to discharge borrow pit wastewater and stormwater from construction activities and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Separate Storm Sewer System (TS4) located statewide in accordance with the discharge limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII hereof.

This permit shall become effective October 1, 2015.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight on September 30, 2020.

Signed this day September 11, 2015.

By the Authority of the Environmental Management Commission



# NPDES Permit Authorizes Stormwater Discharges From...

















# NCDOT's NPDES Statewide Programs

Post-Construction Stormwater Program (PCSP)

- BMP Toolbox Program
- BMP Inspection & Maintenance Program
- BMP Retrofit Program
- Construction/Borrow Pit and Waste Pile Program
- Public Education and Involvement Program
- Internal Education Program
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
- Industrial Activities Program
- Research Program
- Stormwater Outfall Inventory Program
- Total Maximum Daily Load Program
- Vegetation Management Program





# Focus of Today's Presentation

- PCSP
- BMP Toolbox
- Stormwater Management Plans



# Simplified Project Workflow

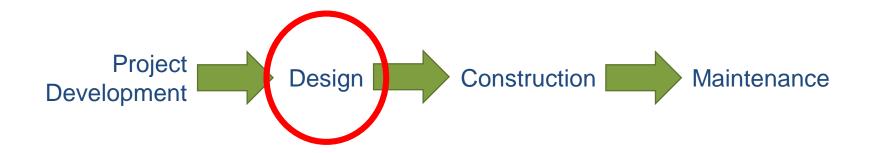
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### PCSP Applies to Design Phase

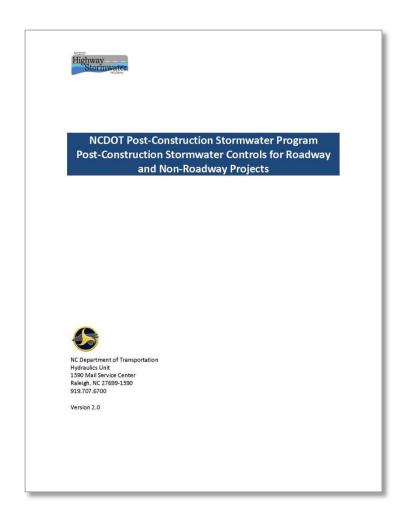
A: It means permanent stormwater controls which remain in place after construction





# Post-Construction Stormwater Program (PCSP)

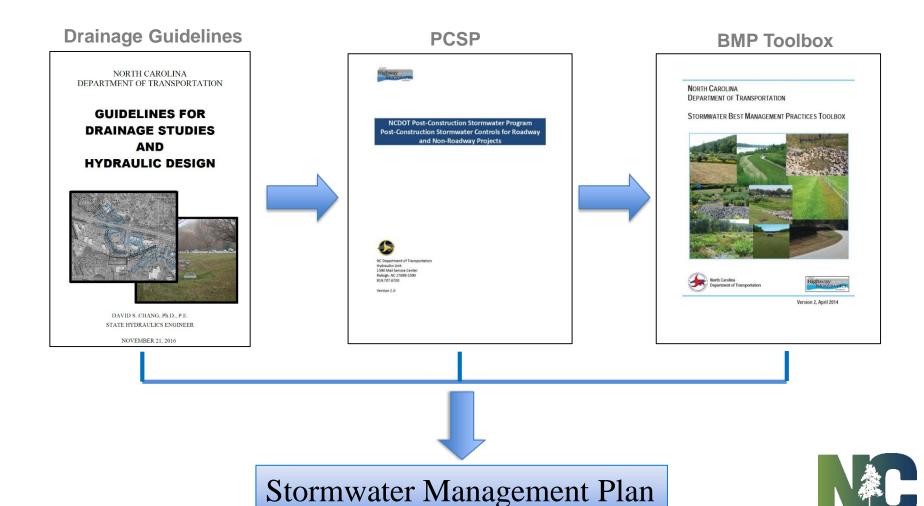
Updated PCSP and BMP Toolbox approved in September 29, 2014







### Post-Construction Stormwater Program (PCSP)



# PCSP Applies to New Built-Upon Area...

**Roadway Projects** 



Non-roadway Projects





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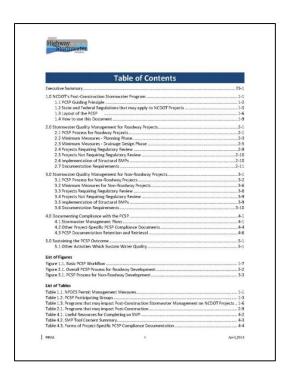
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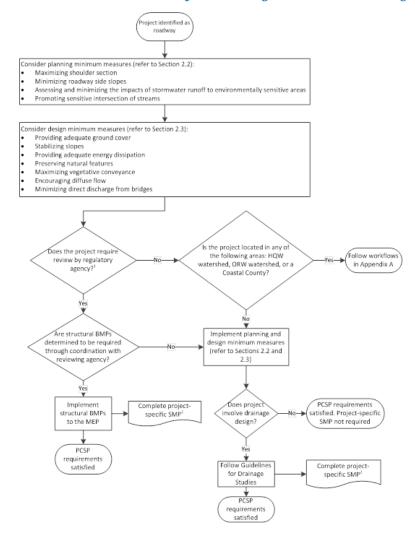
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# Figure 2.1 – Roadway Project Workflow



<sup>1</sup>Includes the following programs: 404/401 Water Quality Certification, Isolated Wetlands/ Waters, Merger Process, Riparian Buffer Authorizations, CAMA Permits, Endangered Species Act/Section 7 Consultation.

<sup>2</sup>A copy of the project-specific SMP shall be sent to the Hydraulics Unit.



# Figure 2.1 – Planning Minimum Measures

Consider planning minimum measures (refer to Section 2.2):

- Maximizing shoulder section
- Minimizing roadway side slopes
- Assessing and minimizing the impacts of stormwater runoff to environmentally sensitive areas
- Promoting sensitive intersection of streams





# Roadway – Planning Minimum Measures

#### Assessing and Minimizing the Impacts of Stormwater Runoff to Environmentally Sensitive Areas

#### Definition:

Selecting alignments or design options that minimize impacts to sensitive streams.

Merger concurrence point 2/3



When evaluating various alternative corridors (new locations) or design options (widening and other improvements), consider the alternative or option that avoids high quality or otherwise environmentally-sensitive areas. These areas include habitat for protected, threatened, and endangered species, sensitive streams, and jurisdictional wetlands. If total avoidance of an environmentally-sensitive area is not feasible, the alternative or design options considered should be ones that minimize impacts.

#### **Key Considerations**

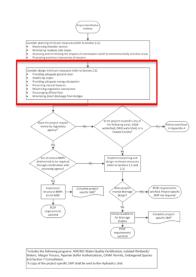
- Many factors are considered when selecting the preferred alternative for either the roadway corridor
  or improvement design option. The final selection must fulfill the purpose and need of the roadway
  project and balance potential impacts on the human and natural environment.
- Environmentally-sensitive streams include nutrient sensitive waters, outstanding resource waters, high
  quality waters, jurisdictional wetlands, waters with an existing impairment, and all waters in Coastal
  Area Management Act (CAMA) counties.



# Figure 2.1 – Design Minimum Measures

#### Consider design minimum measures (refer to Section 2.3):

- Providing adequate ground cover
- Stabilizing slopes
- Providing adequate energy dissipation
- Preserving natural features
- Maximizing vegetative conveyance
- Encouraging diffuse flow
- Minimizing direct discharge from bridges





# Roadway – Design Minimum Measures

#### **Maximizing Vegetative Conveyance**

#### Definition:

Selecting swales and filter strips for stormwater conveyance wherever possible.

Merger concurrence points 4B/4C



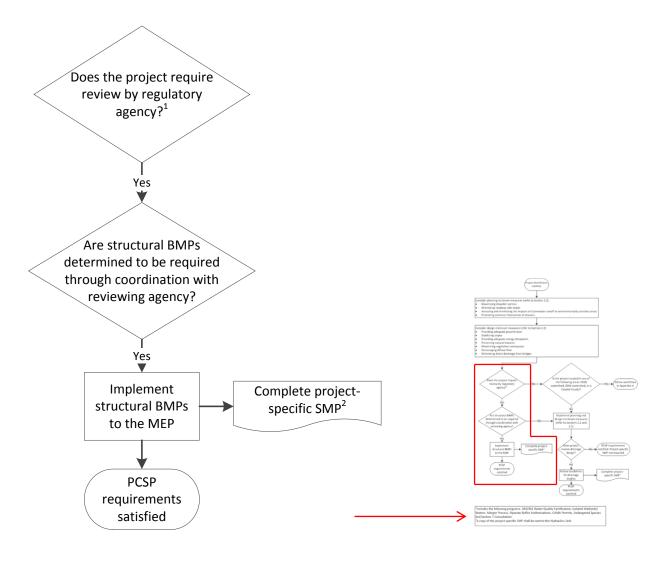
Incorporating vegetation into the drainage system reduces flow velocity while also promoting sedimentation, filtration, and infiltration. Maximizing vegetative conveyance is a minimum measure where vegetated features are preferentially selected for runoff conveyance to take advantage of these passive stormwater treatment benefits. Examples of maximizing vegetative conveyance include selecting a swale over pipe conveyance and selecting vegetated options for channel linings where appropriate.

#### Key Considerations:

- When pipe structures are necessary to collect runoff from the roadway (such as in curb and gutter sections), every effort should be made to direct runoff from the pipe outlet to vegetated areas. Proper energy dissipation and transitions should be implemented.
- To the extent possible, the designer should maintain the predevelopment drainage areas and flow patterns to support greater use of vegetative conveyance.
   Consolidating drainage areas may preclude vegetative conveyance due to the increased discharges and velocities.
- Evaluate vegetated options for channel linings before considering "hardened" lining types.



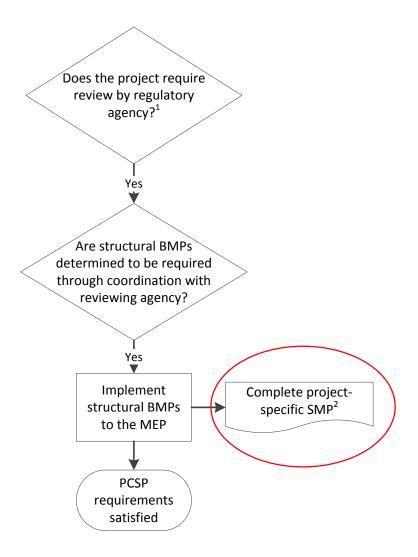
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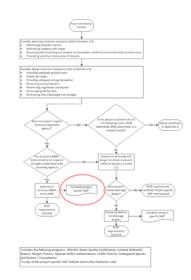




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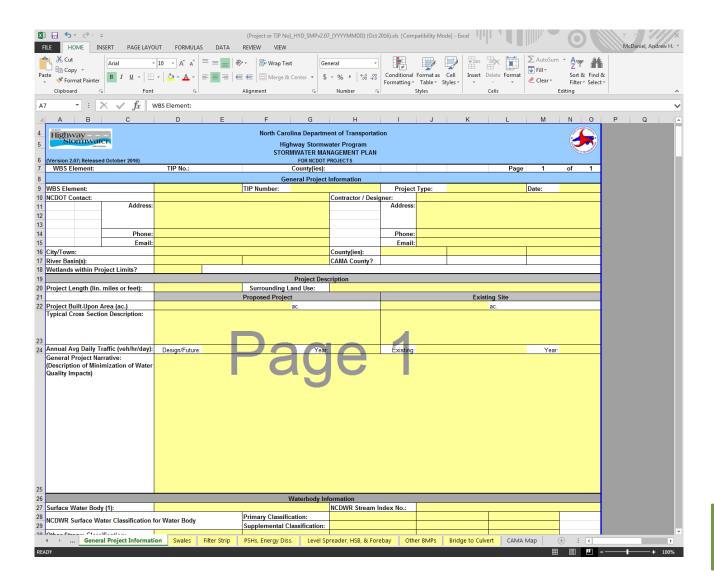
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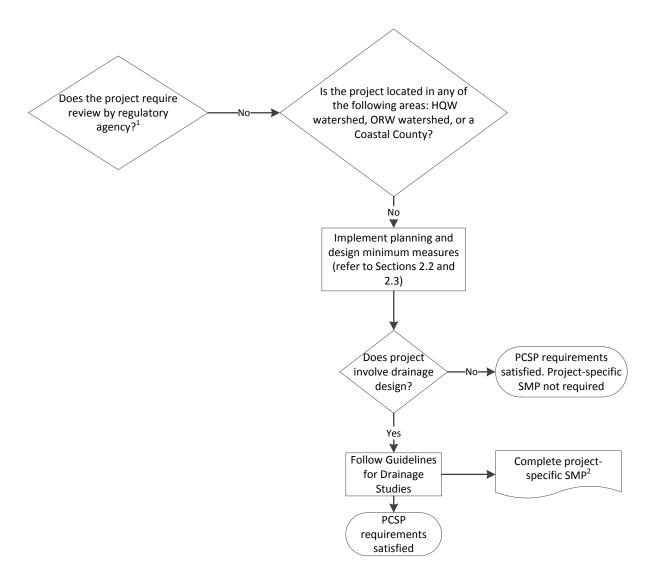


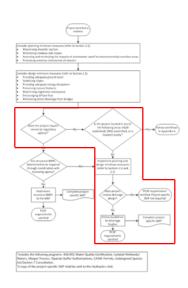
# Stormwater Management Plan (SMP)





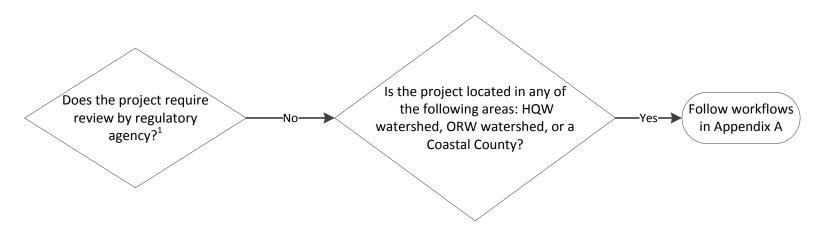
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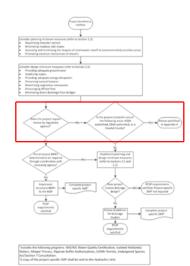






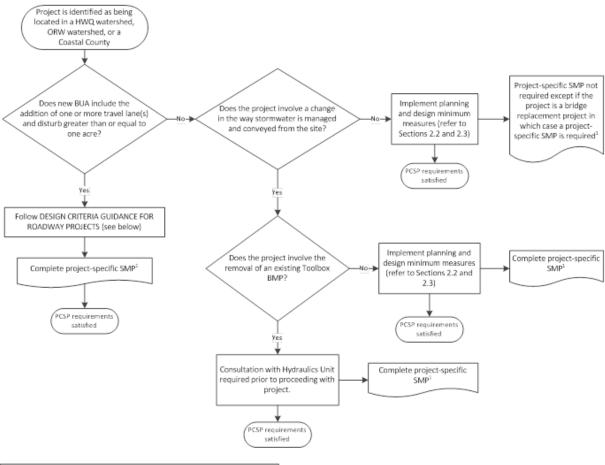
# Figure 2.1 – Beyond Minimum Measures (3)







# Appendix A – Guidelines for Roadway Projects in ORW Watersheds, HQW Watersheds, and Coastal Counties



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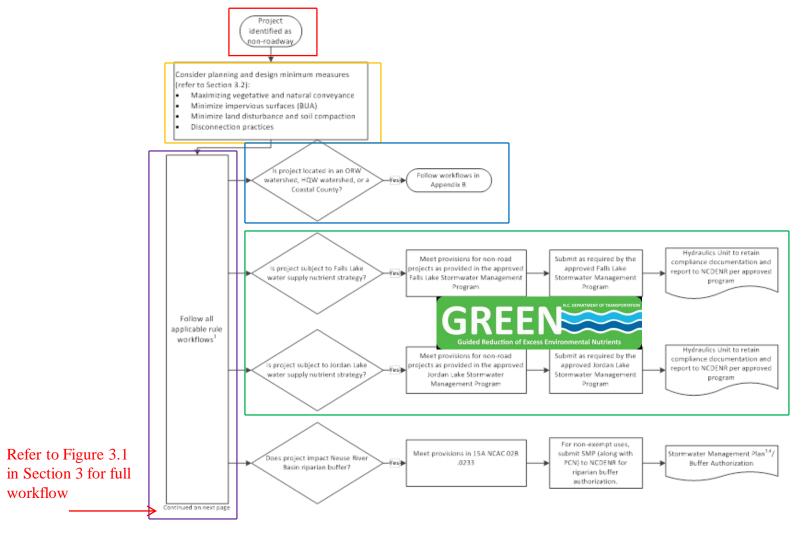
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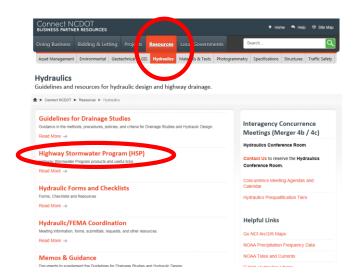


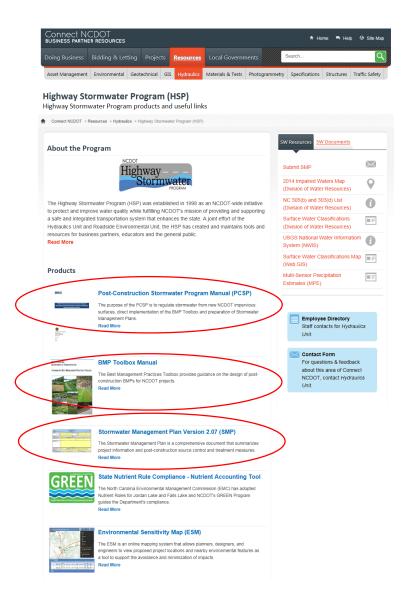
# Figure 3.1 – Non-Roadway Workflow





# Highway Stormwater Program Connect Site







### In Review...





The PCSP contains all the information you need to know to comply with stormwater management regulations



The BMP Toolbox is the design guidance manual that should be used for stormwater control measures on NCDOT projects



A project specific Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) is required and is your proof of compliance with the PCSP



The Hydraulics Unit Connect site is the repository for the latest versions of these documents



### Questions?

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