



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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MAYOR

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Honorable Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Board Order # 190212
State Regulations Governing Runoff

Alderman Gewirtz:

Please be advised that OSPCD is in receipt of your Board Order dated October 14, 2010, which requested that the Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development "provide the Committee on Parks and Open Space with the existing regulations governing runoff under the state standards".

Attached are the standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in Volumes 1 and 2 of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook. As OSPCD and Engineering staff discussed at the October 25, 2010 meeting of the Committee on Parks and Open Space, these standards only apply to development that is within wetlands buffer zones or riverfront areas subject to review by a Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act or the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act. Despite these limitations and exemptions, some communities in Massachusetts have chosen to incorporate some or all of the standards into local ordinances and therefore require a greater portion of the community to comply with the regulations.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Division at 617-625-6600 x 2500.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director

