

Attachment 2

Vision Statement for Stormwater Management

Resilient stormwater management uses a sustainable watershed management approach that manages risk, enhances value for all, and stewards natural ecosystems.

Guiding Principles

Risk Management

- Build systems that adapt to ever-changing climate impacts and function beyond our lifetimes.
- Enhance both the community and natural systems.
- Employ inclusive, interdisciplinary, and interagency planning processes to ensure that water infrastructure serves communities.
- Address downstream impacts from the intertwined elements of water quality, volume, and peak flow rates for the full range of rainfall events.

Value

- Promote stormwater infrastructure is valuable and of equal importance to communities as other public infrastructure.
- Recognize rainfall is a resource to provide more equitable stormwater systems.
- Connect community and natural systems by blending overland flow, pipe, and green infrastructure systems.
- Design, build, maintain, and evaluate systems that protect and enhance long-term triple bottom line benefits.
- Protect and enhance public health benefits through connected open spaces.

Stewardship

- Promote activities that create a net-positive watershed-wide contribution.
- Restore the health of receiving waterbodies and the natural environment
- Educate our communities and decision makers about the human connection to water; including through storytelling.
- Incorporate restorative soil and vegetative management practices to maximize infiltration and habitat vitality.