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TO: All Design Personnel and Consultants

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SUBJECT: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Updates

SUPERSEDES: Design Memo 22-22

EFFECTIVE: As Noted

The design requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP) include the implementation of post-construction stormwater management measures to manage the quality and quantity of stormwater discharge from the project area.

INDOT has updated the *Post-Construction Stormwater Management* guidance document and the requirements for including post-construction stormwater best management practices (PCBMPs). A summary of revisions is provided at the end of the memo. The guidance document supplements the information in *Indiana Design Manual* Section 203-5.0, Stormwater Management and Detention.

Post-Construction Stormwater BMP Requirements

1. When are Post-Construction Stormwater BMPs required?

A project should be evaluated for inclusion of one or more PCBMPs when both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The project requires a Construction Stormwater General Permit.
- The project includes new net impervious surface of
 - 1 acre or more, **or**
 - between 10,000 sq. ft. and 1 acre as noted in Figure 1A, *Post-Construction BMP Determination*.

2. Implementing PCBMPs

Project actions should be based on the added impervious surface area and project development process milestones according to Table 1 below.

Table 1: Project action based on project development process (PDP) milestone

New Net Impervious Area	PDP Milestone	Action
≥ 1 acre	Any Stage	PCBMPs are required.
10,000 sq. ft. up to 1 acre	Stage 3 as of February 1, 2026	Evaluate per Post-Construction BMP Determination flowchart. If required and not feasible, contact the INDOT Stormwater Team at PCSM@indot.in.gov .
10,000 sq. ft. up to 1 acre	Stage 2 as of February 1, 2026	Evaluate per Post-Construction BMP Determination flowchart. If required, credit PCBMPs already included in design through supporting calculations and submit Post-Construction BMP Report for review and approval. Contact the INDOT Stormwater Team at PCSM@indot.in.gov with project-specific questions.
10,000 sq. ft. up to 1 acre	Stage 1 on or after February 1, 2026	Evaluate per Post-Construction BMP Determination flowchart. Include PCBMPs, as required.
Less than 10,000 sq. ft	Any Stage	PCBMPs not required. Notification to receiving MS4 may be required.

Special Provisions

The Standards Committee approved RSP 626-R-796, Post-Construction Stormwater Management, at the June 2025 meeting. The RSP is effective for December 2025 lettings. Note that the RSP includes new pay items.

Additional Resources

The *Post-Construction Stormwater Management* guidance document, FAQs, CADD details for structural practices, and maintenance templates are available from the Environmental Services Division Stormwater webpage at <https://www.in.gov/indot/engineering/environmental-services/storm-water/>.

Questions

For questions related to this design memo, contact the INDOT Stormwater Team at PCSM@indot.IN.gov.

Post-Construction Stormwater Management Summary of Revisions

Document	Description of Revision
Section 1.02	Added Figure 1A, Post-Construction BMP Determination. New net impervious area between 10,000 sq. ft. and 1 acre requires evaluation for PCBMPs.
Section 3.02	Clarified language regarding karst.
Section 3.04	Clarified language regarding karst.
Section 4.04(05)	Added language for adequate vegetation where an existing swale is utilized as a post-construction BMP. Revised language for seeding.
Section 5.05	Revised language for seeding
Section 6.03	Deleted language regarding more frequent inspections after large rainfall events.
Section 6.04	Added language regarding the minimum volume of a dry forebay. Revised requirements for when a stone trench and perforated pipe outlet structure are needed.
Section 6.05	Revised language for seeding.
Section 7.05	Revised language for seeding.
Section 8.02	Clarified language regarding coordination with INDOT Hydraulic Engineering for wet ponds.
Section 8.05	Revised language for seeding.
Section 9.05	Revised language for seeding.
Section 10.04	Added language for plan requirements related to the qualified products list for stormwater treatment units (hydrodynamic separators). When hydrodynamic separators are specified, the Water Quality Treatment Rate, Q_{wq} , is required to be shown on the plans along with the type (A, B, C, or D).
Figure 3C, Water Quality Curve Number	Updated for swales, along with PCBMPs protecting karst, use Percent Impervious.