

Offsite BMP Program Final Plan Framework

Program Premise:

1. Developers of new and redevelopment sites of one acre or larger within the City limits, would pay an annual fee per acre set by the City of approximately \$38 in lieu of installing structural water quality BMP devices to meet the City's stormwater quality requirements. As an alternative, the program may be city funded.
2. The City will invoice participating properties in this program monthly through water services billing. As an alternative, the program may be city funded.
3. Those stormwater quality requirements would be met in excess by this offsite program where best management farming practices would be employed to reduce the amount of sediment production into the area's river systems against generated sediment volumes by in-City developments.
4. Agricultural lands within the Little Ark River Watershed and if necessary, other local watersheds, would be enrolled in sediment reduction practices such as no-till farming and other practices presented in KSU technical report titled Offsite BMP Evaluation Plan, dated June 11, 2015, or other technologies that meet the stormwater quality requirements.
5. Any program would require the amount of acres in special farming practices to reduce sediment deposition into the river systems in an amount of twice (2 times) the expected sediment production from developed properties within the City. There would be no retroactive penalties invoked if the offsite program ends.

6. Existing sites could enroll in the offsite program. Their fee would be billed monthly and would eliminate bi-annual inspection and possibly cleaning of water quality devices if City field crews can reach those devices from the public right-of-way with appropriate cleaning equipment. If the Offsite BMP program should end, those sites would continue to address water quality requirements in the same manner as they do prior to the initiation of this program.
7. Newly enrolled development sites in the program would pay the annual fee in monthly city billing and install a floatable trash collection inlet providing some water quality treatment. If City field crews can reach those water quality devices the City would clean them when necessary. If the Offsite BMP program should end, those sites would continue to address non-numeric water quality standards for TSS reduction requirements as they did prior to the initiation of this program by maintaining the floatable trash collection inlet providing some water quality treatment.
8. On new sites that enroll in the program, if a subsequent owner does not want to continue in the program they have the option of addressing their water quality requirements per the Stormwater Manual with conventional BMPs.
9. The City will direct KSU how many urban developed acres enroll in the program annually and how many are projected to enroll in future years. Initially the City will use the assumption that 100% of farm fields enrolled in sediment reduction practices will be needed to be replaced in the program after the typical 5-year contract between the farmer and WRAPS expires. This percentage may be adjusted in time if program success warrants an adjustment. The program will be reviewed annually in March by the SWAB.
10. If the development community pays for the program, the City would provide initial funding for the Program to start, to be paid back at a future date and then be maintained in perpetuity by properties enrolled in the program.

SWAB Action:

The City's Stormwater Advisory Board (SWAB) will recommend that the Director of Public Works and Utilities formally present this program to City Council for concurrence and approval.

This direction should be by written letter from the SWAB chairman.

The SWAB could have continuing authority to review the program administration and make recommendations to city staff.