

## Water Quality CREDIT Program

Credits are offered for activities that:

1. Reduce the Impact of stormwater (quantity or quality) runoff from a property to an acceptable standard.
2. Reduce the stormwater Cost of Service to the City by performing activities that otherwise would have to be performed by and be the responsibility of the city staff.
3. Reduce the Impact of stormwater runoff from properties into the city stormwater system.

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## CREDITS

### TYPES OF CREDITS OFFERED IN 5% INCREMENTS

- 1. WATER QUALITY EDUCATION :** Fee shall be reduced up to 25% for public and private schools (K-12) for the purpose of providing water quality and watershed management education programs to students. Schools are required to teach a water curriculum in each grade level.
- 2. WATER QUALITY DEVICE :**
  - a. Floatable skimmers. Fee reduced up to 10% from proper maintenance of floatable skimmers
  - b. Proprietary Devices. Fee reduced up to 10% for proper maintenance of proprietary devices and up to 20% available for devices that exceed minimum standards.
- 3. DETENTION/RETENTION FACILITIES (Up to 40%, 5% increments):**
  - a. 2 and 10-year storm flow design: Credit Amount 10%
  - b. 2, 10 and 25-year storm flow design: Credit Amount 20%
  - b. 2, 10, 25, 50, 100-year storm flow design: Credit Amount 30%
  - c. An APPROVED As-Built (Record Drawing): Credit Amount 10%

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## CREDITS (CONTINUED)

- 4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) or open space credit:**  
Fee shall be reduced up to 50% for use/maintenance of green stormwater control structures.
- 5. Stormwater Control Facilities (BMP) Maintenance** (up to 10%, 5% increments): Fee shall be reduced up to 10% from the proper maintenance of facilities that retain/control quantity of runoff;
- 6. LEED Certified Development :** Fee shall be reduced up to 50% for developments that earn at least 5 credits from the "Sustainable Sites" category including Credit 6.1 (Stormwater Design Quantity Control) and Credit 6.2 (Storm Water Design Quality Control).
- 7. STREAM BUFFERS** (up to 25%, 5% increments): A natural buffer with a minimum width equal to three (3) times the stream width shall be provided on each side of the stream.  
**Property Line Buffers** (up to 10%) required by zoning.

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- 8. NPDES PERMITTED SALVAGE YARDS and SIMILAR INDUSTRIAL PERMITTED FACILITIES** (up to 20%, 5% increments).
- 9. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS** (up to 40%, 5% increments): Easements associated with the City Greenway Master Plan or adjacent to streams will qualify for the maximum credits.
- 10. RETROFIT / MITIGATION CONTROLS** (up to 50%, 5% increments): A maximum credit of 50% credit can be given for maintaining newly installed practices that can reduce the City's stormwater burden. Cisterns/Rain Barrels, detention basins, proprietary devices, bio-retention areas, bio-swales, etc.

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## Special Credits (OFFERED ONE-TIME ONLY)

### 11. RETROFIT/MITIGATION PLAN (up to 75%, 5% increments):

A maximum of 65% credit can be given for submitting a proposal for installing new stormwater/water quality controls (reduction of impervious area, detention basins, proprietary devices, bio-retention area, bio-swales, other LIDS, etc. A 10% reduction is provided for plans that include a proposal to submit As-Built drawings.

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### 12. TREE PLANTING:

- a. A 3-year period fee reduction (up to 10%, 5% increments) can be earned for new tree planting. An approved tree planting plan must be submitted and approved before tree planting. Three (3) trees will be required to be planted per ERU for full credit.
- b. Existing sites that maintain their trees (for 3 years or more) per City approved landscape plan can earn a one-time 5% fee reduction.

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