

DATE: September 27, 2017  
TO: Mayor & City Council  
FROM: Planning Director  
SUBJECT: 2017 Update to Georgia Storm Water Design Manual

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#### SUGGESTED ACTION

**No action necessary.**

#### DISCUSSION

*EPD = Georgia Environmental Protection Division*

*MS4 = Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems*

*GSMM = Georgia Storm Water Management Manual*

*GCSMM = Gwinnett County Storm Water Management Manual*

- As an MS4 permittee, the City of Sugar Hill is required by EPD to adopt updated design standards to meet or exceed the GSMM.
- A new edition of the GSMM was adopted earlier this year.
- Our storm water management ordinances were drafted using Gwinnett County as a model.
- The county recently conducted a full scale update to their storm water design manual.
- When the county requirements go into effect, unless we change our development regulations, we will follow their newly adopted GCSMM.
- The county is planning for a six month implementation period to allow for training staff and the development community.
- Planning staff is reviewing the 1100 page document that we received from the County a few weeks ago but recommends that we keep our regulations aligned with the county at this time.