Key CodeNEXT Draft 3 Beneficial Use Proposal



23-3D-6030 Water Quality Controls and Beneficial Use Standards: Draft 1 & 2

"A portion of the required capture volume for water quality must be retained and beneficially used on-site through practices that infiltrate, evapotranspire, or harvest and use rainwater.

 The amount of rainfall that must be retained is based on the impervious cover and associated runoff coefficient for the 95th percentile rainfall event*, as prescribed in the Environmental Criteria Manual.

Impervious Cover	Runoff Captured		Percent of
	Treat	Retain On-Site*	Water Quality
(percent)	(inches)	(inches)	Volume
10%	0.5	0.13	26%
20%	0.5	0.26	52%
30%	0.6	0.38	64%
40%	0.7	0.51	73%
50%	0.8	0.64	80%
60%	0.9	0.77	86%
70%	1.0	0.90	90%
80%	1.1	1.03	93%
90%	1.2	1.15	96%
100%	1.3	1.28	99%

^{*95&}lt;sup>th</sup> percentile = 95 percent of all rainfall events are 1.79 inches or less

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For all site plans/subdivisions with more than 8,000 square feet impervious cover:

- Capture and treat the half-inch-plus water quality capture volume
 - Rainwater harvesting may have a longer drawdown for up to 25% of the water quality volume if a water balance demonstrates on-site use of the water in 28 days or fewer (not allowed in the Barton Springs Zone)
 - May have a longer drawdown for the entire water quality volume if the control is upsized accordingly
 - Rainwater system must connect to irrigation and/or interior building use

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- Must use green stormwater control measures for entire water quality volume, except for:
- Conventional water quality controls allowed under certain conditions
 - Hot-spot land uses (e.g., automotive repair)
 - Regional ponds with > 10 acres of untreated, off-site development
 - Sites with > 80% impervious cover if rainwater harvesting system is provided to irrigate landscape elements (including Functional Green areas) for at least 28 days
 - Administrative variance for unique site conditions (e.g., heritage trees, CEFs, grade challenges)

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