



Stormwater Management Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda

April 9, 2026
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In-Person Meeting
City Transportation Field Operations Facility
2550 Operations Way, Raleigh, NC 27604
Will also be live streamed via Microsoft Teams

3:00 **Call to Order**

Notice: This meeting is being recorded by video and audio means. These recordings will be posted on the City's website for public viewing and listening. In-person attendees of the meeting will be included in this recording. By remaining in this meeting, in-person attendees agree that their images and/or voices may be included in these recordings.

Excused absences, if/as applicable

3:03 **Minutes for Approval**

Draft Minutes from the **March 5, 2026** meeting are considered by the Commission for review and approval.

3:05 **Public Comment**

This is an in-person meeting. Comments may be made by attendees upon registering at the in-person meeting and indicating you would like to speak. The meeting will also be publicly live streamed, but comments cannot be accepted during the meeting using virtual methods. Communications from residents should be sent via email and addressed to: RaleighStormwater@RaleighNC.gov

3:10 **Commission / Stormwater Staff Update on Matters of Importance**

- SMAC's FY26 Work Plan – Provided within agenda package for reference. Agenda items also reference the Work Plan.
- Stormwater Staff Updates
- High Priority Topics
 - FY27 Stormwater Management Program proposed budget and fee rate presentation to City Council was March 9
 - Raleigh's Earth Day event will be Friday, April 24 at Dix Park; *Capture It!* Winners will be announced by SMAC Chair Graham Smith
 - [Raleigh Earth Day | Dix Park](#)
 - Reminder of Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange - 2026 Annual Meeting to be held in Raleigh upcoming next month, May 4 – 7



- [Rally in Raleigh This May! - Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange](#)
- Web link for Upcoming Stormwater Public Meetings: [Events | Raleighnc.gov](#)
 - Marsh Creek Watershed Public Meeting – April 23, 4:00 – 6:30 pm
 - [Marsh Creek Watershed Public Meeting | Raleighnc.gov](#)
 - Stream Monitoring Workshop – May 2, 12:30 – 3:00 pm
 - [Stream Monitoring Workshop | Raleighnc.gov](#)
- No new Raleigh Rainwater Rewards (R3) Projects today as have fully allocated the FY26 funding. Staff anticipate bringing new R3 projects to SMAC for FY27 at the June meeting.
- Notices Prior to Construction – In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-499.4, the City is hereby providing public notice of the construction of the following projects, with construction anticipated to begin within the next 90 days:
 - Weldon Place – Drainage Assistance Project
 - Fairlie Place Rehabilitation – Drainage Assistance Project
 - Crandon Lane Rehabilitation – Drainage Assistance Project
 - Lord Ashely Drainage Improvements – Drainage Assistance Project

Commission Action: Receive as information for discussion and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

3:15 **Stormwater’s Rain Garden Apprenticeship Program** (*Heather Montgomery – Water Quality Manager, and Dori Rathmell – Community Relations Analyst, Water Quality Team*)

[SMAC FY26 Work Plan Alignment: Guiding Theme GT-1 and GT-3; High Priority HP-8 and HP-10. City Strategic Plan Alignment: Environmental Resilience]

Staff will share the positive outcomes from Raleigh Stormwater’s first year supporting Urban Sustainability Solutions and the Growing More than Rain Gardens Apprenticeship Program across four public schools.

Since its launch in March 2025, the pilot has provided paid rain garden apprenticeships and workshops that build students’ and teachers’ environmental literacy, engineering skills, and awareness of green-career pathways. The six-week after-school program immerses participants in local water quality issues, GSI best practices, real-world design case studies, community outreach, and hands-on installation of nature-based solutions. The program also directly supports Raleigh Rainwater Rewards projects and maintenance of GSI on City property.

Building on this strong first year, Raleigh Stormwater proposes allocating sustained funding to continue and expand the partnership, which also advances the City’s education and outreach permit requirements.



Commission Action: Receive as information for discussion and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

3:45 **Planning Commission / SMAC Liaison Comments**

Review cases of interest from a stormwater management perspective.

Cases considered for follow-up action by SMAC at this time:

- **Case Z-38-25: 1017, 1000, and 1100 Trailwood Drive**

Link/s for information: [Z-38-25: Trailwood Drive, south of the intersection of Trailwood Drive and Avent Ferry Road \(District D upon annexation\) - Planning Commission Regular Meeting - February 24, 2026](#)

[Rezoning Cases | Raleighnc.gov](#)

Commission Action: Receive as information for discussion and decide if the Commission wants to take formal action in terms of providing written comments, take no further action, and/or provide other guidance to staff as appropriate.

4:15 **Overview of Floodplain Management Requirements for Development and Redevelopment** (*Ben Brown and Sally Hoyt*) - Stormwater Staff)

[SMAC FY26 Work Plan Alignment: Guiding Themes GT-1 and GT-5; High Priorities HP-1 and HP-11. City Strategic Plan Alignment: Environmental Resilience]

Continuing the Commission's high priority series of presentations and discussions on the City's stormwater management requirements for new development and redevelopment sites, staff will provide an overview of floodplain management regulations that apply for sites permitted through the City of Raleigh.

Commission Action: Receive as information for discussion and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

4:45 **Commission Review of Preliminary Topics for Upcoming Meetings and Other Business**

Preliminary Topics for May – August 2026 SMAC Meetings

- Updates for the Flood Early Warning Program and Review of 2026 Atlantic Tropical Season Forecast (May)



- Stormwater Maintenance Team Highlights and Equipment Tour (May)
- Raleigh Rainwater Rewards Projects (June/August)
- Updates on Wake County's One Water Plan (June)
- Worthdale Park Stream Restoration Project and Field Tour (June)
- SMAC Review of FY26 Accomplishments and FY27 Work Plan Visioning Kickoff (June)
- Note - SMAC plans to take a pause in July and return in August
- Regulatory Requirements for Water Supply Watershed Protection Areas (August)
- Continued FY27 Work Planning (August)

Other Business

5:00 **Adjourn**