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Technical Standards Development Process
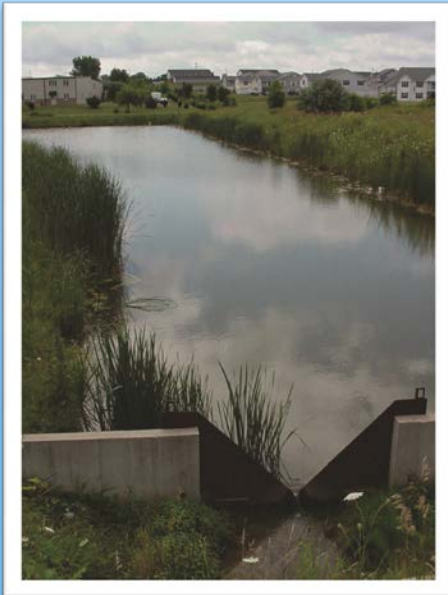
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Technical standards are...

- Science-based documents stating minimum criteria to meet a predicted benefit

- For a technical audience

- Published and maintained by DNR & NRCS

- Referenced in many government programs and administrative rules

Bioretention for infiltration

Wet Detention Pond

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Technical standards = conservation practices

Water Quality Standards – NR 102

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Nonpoint Performance Standards / Prohibitions
NR 151 - Expectations for land manager or developer

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Technical Standards for Best Mgmt. Practices (BMP)

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How are the standards created?

1. Collect data, input from tech standard users
   - Biennial Technical Standards Needs survey
     - Next one occurs in summer of 2015!

2. Prioritize standards for development or revision

3. Determine project scope and select process
   - Full Process – new standard or major revisions
   - EZ Process – time sensitive, limited use, minimal impact
   - Minor Process – minimal changes

4. Create 2-year Work Plan

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Steps in SOC Process

1	2	3
Form and support the team	Develop the draft standard	Request and consider feedback

Full

EZ

Steps in SOC Process

4	5	6
Conduct broad review and consider comments	Finalize and publish revised standard	Evaluate team process

Full

EZ

Minor

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Guiding Principles

- Focus on science to ensure the **quality** of the standards and their effectiveness in protecting the environment and the general public;

- Strive for **uniformity in use** of technical standards by securing broad participation and consensus in decision making;

- Ensure **openness and accountability** in the process and the end products.

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2015 Work Plan: Upcoming Revisions

2015 Urban Standard Projects

- 1050, Land Application of Anionic Polyacrylamide
- 1051, Sediment Control Water Application of Polymer
- 1073, Vegetated Swale (new)

Full	EZ	Minor
	X	
	X	
X		

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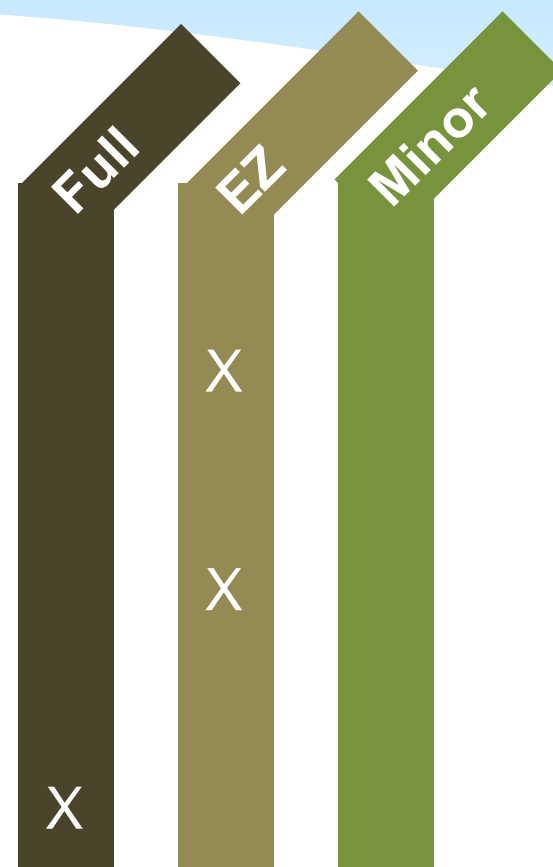
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Share your expertise

- Sign up for our listserv to receive notifications of standard updates

- Review and comment on draft standards

- Participate as a team member

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Collaboration is key.

With all technical standard users engaged, we create more effective practice standards that protect water quality.

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