# Stormwater Study Provision 12-10-13

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

## SESSION LAW 2013-413 HOUSE BILL 74

AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE THE REGULATORY PROCESS IN ORDER TO STIMULATE JOB CREATION, TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY REGULATION, TO MAKE VARIOUS OTHER STATUTORY CHANGES, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

### PART V. AMEND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "BUILT-UPON AREA" FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING STORMWATER PROGRAMS

**SECTION 51.(a)** G.S. 143-214.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b2) For purposes of implementing stormwater programs, "built-upon area" means impervious surface and partially impervious surface to the extent that the partially impervious surface does not allow water to infiltrate through the surface and into the subsoil. "Built-upon area" does not include a wooden slatted deck, the water area of a swimming pool, or gravel."

SECTION 51.(b) Subdivision (7) of Section 2 of S.L. 2006-246 is repealed.

SECTION 51.(c) Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of Section 2 of S.L. 2008-211 is

repealed.

**SECTION 51.(d)** The Environmental Management Commission shall amend its rules to be consistent with the definition of "built-upon area" set out in subsection (b2) of G.S. 143-214.7, as enacted by Section 51(a) of this act.

**SECTION 51.(e)** The Environmental Review Commission shall study State stormwater programs, including how partially impervious surfaces are treated in the calculation of built-upon area under those programs. The Environmental Review Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2014 Regular Session of the 2013 General Assembly.

**SECTION 51.(f)** This section is effective when it becomes law, and subsection (b2) of G.S. 143-214.7, as enacted by subsection (a) of this section, applies to projects for which permit applications are received on or after that date.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

#### SESSION LAW 2006-246 SENATE BILL 1566

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL PHASE II STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 2.** Definitions. – The following definitions apply to this act and its implementation:

"Built-upon area" means that portion of a project that is covered by impervious or partially impervious surface including, but not limited to, buildings; pavement and gravel areas such as roads, parking lots, and paths; and recreation facilities such as tennis courts. "Built-upon area" does not include a wooden slatted deck, the water area of a swimming pool, or pervious or partially pervious paving material to the extent that the paving material absorbs water or allows water to infiltrate through the paving material.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

### SESSION LAW 2008-211 SENATE BILL 1967

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF STORMWATER IN THE COASTAL COUNTIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 2.(a)** Definitions. – The following definitions apply to this act and its implementation:

"Built upon area" has the same meaning as in Session Law 2006-246 and means that portion of a project that is covered by impervious or partially impervious surface including, but not limited to, buildings; pavement and gravel areas such as roads, parking lots, and paths; and recreation facilities such as tennis courts. "Built upon area" does not include a wooden slatted deck, the water area of a swimming pool, or pervious or partially pervious paving material to the extent that the paving material absorbs water or allows water to infiltrate through the paving material.