Stormwater Template Overview

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Section 403.9302, Florida Statutes

• Requires counties, municipalities and special districts to perform a 20-Year Needs Analysis for Wastewater and Stormwater

• After Session, EDR was authorized to develop a stormwater template
Timeline...

• On or before June 30, 2022:
  • Local government must complete 20-year analysis
  • Local government must send analysis and supporting documentation to county

• On or before July 31, 2022:
  • County must send compiled reports to Department of Environmental Protection and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research

• January 1, 2023:
  • EDR must publish statewide evaluation

Repeat Every 5 Years
Status of Template Project...

• EDR has completed the template in Word format. This will be posted on EDR’s website when we set up the new page (as soon as possible)

• Sought and received feedback from various partners including:
  ➢ Florida Stormwater Association
  ➢ Regional Planning Councils
  ➢ Water Management Districts
  ➢ Association of Counties
  ➢ League of Cities
  ➢ Florida Association of Special Districts
  ➢ DEP’s NPDES Stormwater Program
  ➢ DEP’s Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection
  ➢ Private Consultants

• Currently developing an Excel Workbook for data entry, and accompanying instruction document...to be posted as soon as available
Template

• Timely completion of the template fulfills the requirements of section 403.0302, F.S.

• The template is fashioned in such a way that the data will be most useful in EDR’s final report to the legislature, and maximizes any potential benefit afforded to cities, counties and special districts by presenting the best information possible to the Legislature

• Participating in the needs analysis assures your jurisdiction's representation in the report to the Legislature

Because this analysis is “forward looking,” it will necessarily include a large number of assumption regarding future actions. Predictions should be based on available data coupled with best professional judgment.
Guiding Principles

• Cities, counties and special districts that own or operate stormwater management systems must perform the needs analysis

• Excludes stormwater systems owned/operated by:
  • Private entities, federal government, state government, WMDs, school districts, state universities or colleges

• Local governments should include dependent special districts in their reports. Only independent districts report separately

• Current laws and rules prevail. Not assuming the effect of any future stormwater rules
General Instructions

• Statutory paragraphs—(3)(a) through (3)(g)—form the titles for each Part (Parts 1 through 8) of the template

• The same project should not appear in multiple tables unless the expenditures are allocated between the tables (e.g., a capital improvement project equally devoted to flood control and water quality goals)

• Dollars reported in $1,000s

• For situation where more than one entity may include expenditures, please contact EDR
General Instruction, continued

• Cost reporting: Include only expenditures that “have flowed, are flowing, or will likely flow” through your budget
  • That is to say, do not include private projects and funds
  • Do not include costs borne by other entities, unless that money flowed through your budget.
  • The concept of future expenditures should be viewed as an expression of identified “needs”
• Projections are necessarily speculative and DO NOT represent a commitment of future budget actions
Background Information

- Name of Local Government:
- Name of stormwater utility, if applicable:
- Contact Person
  - Name:
  - Position/Title:
  - Email Address:
  - Phone Number:
- Indicate the Water Management District(s) in which your service area is located.
  - Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWWMD)
  - Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)
  - St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)
  - Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMMD)
  - South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
- Indicate the type of local government:
  - Municipality
  - County
  - Independent Special District
Part 1 – A Detailed Description of the Stormwater Management Program...

• Section 403.9302(a), F.S. is divided into Part 1 and Part 2 in the template (Program and System)

• **Stormwater Management Program** is defined in Section 403.031(15), F.S., as “the institutional strategy for stormwater management, including urban, agricultural, and other stormwater.”
Part 1 – Detailed Description of the Stormwater Management Program, continued

• “Detailed” program description is reduced into three simple subparts:
  • **Brief Narrative**, including a relative rating of the importance of flood control, water quality, and reducing vulnerability for your jurisdiction
  • **Itemized Program Activities**: Yes/No questions related to Program activities
  • **Itemized O&M Activities**: Yes/No questions related to routine O&M activities
Part 2 – ...A Detailed Description of the Stormwater Management System

• **Stormwater Management System** is defined in Section 403.031(16), F.S., as “a system which is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use, or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, overdrainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quantity and quality of discharges from the system.”
Part 2 – A Detailed Description of the Stormwater Management System, continued

• “Detailed” system description is reduced into an aggregate summary list requiring gross estimates for items such as:
  • Miles of buried storm sewer, *etc.*
  • Number of wet and dry ponds
  • Number of pump stations
  • Other similar inventory summaries

• Yes/No questions related to green infrastructure

• Asks for list of resources or documents that helped you answer the above
Part 3 - The Number of current and projected residents served in 5-year increments

- For counties and municipalities: **EDR will calculate** the appropriate population estimates and include in the report to the legislature.

- For Independent Special Districts (ISDs), **EDR will calculate** the appropriate population estimates subject to the following:
  - An ISD whose boundaries align with a county or municipality must only provide the name of that local government.
  - For ISDs whose boundaries do not align with a county or municipality, provide a GIS shapefile of the current and proposed service area.
    - Additionally, districts supplying a GIS shapefile for part 3 can skip Part 4 entirely.
Part 4 – The Current and Projected Service Area for the Stormwater Management Program or Stormwater Management System

• EDR is not requesting legal descriptions or detailed maps
• Rather, this part is “exception-based,” if your stormwater service area extends beyond the geographic limits of your jurisdiction, please explain.
• Similarly, if your service area is expected to change within the 20-year horizon, please describe the changes.
Part 5 – The Current and Projected Cost of Providing Services Calculated in 5-year Increments

• For simplicity, “Services” is restricted to:

  1. **Routine Operation & Maintenance**: O&M items mentioned in Part 1.3 and including administration and non-structural elements

  2. **Expansion** – Defined herein as “improvement” of the stormwater management system, or in other words, new work, new projects, retrofitting, and significant upgrades
Part 5 – The Current and Projected Cost of Providing Services, continued

• The template separates expansion into four categories:
  • Flood protection/abatement projects
  • Water quality projects
  • Resiliency projects (addressing sea level rise and increased flood events)
  • Major end of life replacement projects (aging infrastructure)

  While local governments don’t necessarily use these categories when planning or budgeting and the boundaries between these categories are sometimes fuzzy, EDR believes that these divisions are of interest to the legislature.
Part 5 – The Current and Projected Cost of Providing Services, continued

• Expenditures within the four expansion categories are also reported as either having a committed funding source or having no identified funding source.
  • Committed funding sources include: the capacity to absorb the project’s capital cost within current budget levels or forecasted revenue growth; financing that is underway or anticipated (bond or loan); known state or federal funding (appropriation or grant); special assessment; or dedicated cash reserves for future expenditure

• Future expenditures are aggregated into 5-year increments and based on the local fiscal year.
Part 5.1 - Routine Operation & Maintenance

• Include all Operation & Maintenance costs
• BUT NOT those associated with
  • Resiliency
  • Replacement of aging infrastructure
• **DO Include:** Costs associated with non-structural programs like public outreach and education efforts
• Provide explanation for any O&M expenses greater that 15% over any 5-yr period (tell us what this is)
Part 5.2 - Future Expansion with a Committed Funding Source

- Flood Protection
- Water Quality Projects (Identify BMAP initiatives by project number, if possible)

EDR realizes that many projects have both quantity and quality components.

Use best professional judgment to select best-fit category.
Regional Airport Rebuild project is allocated between Flood Protection (75%) and Water Quality (25%)

One of the water quality projects is on DEP’s STAR Report list of BMAP Projects
Part 5.3 - Future Expansion with No Identified Funding Source

• Flood Protection
• Water Quality (BMAP list)
• For both committed and no identified funding, provide source of estimation

Please indicate which resources or documents you used to complete this table (5.3).

- Stormwater Master Plan
- Basin Studies or Engineering Reports
- Adopted BMAP
- Adopted Total Maximum Daily Load
- Regional or Basin-specific Water Quality Improvement Plan or Restoration Plan
  - Specify: <text box>
- Other(s): <text box>
Part 5.4 – Stormwater Projects Part of Resiliency to Address Climate Change

• Include all costs associated with resiliency, sea level rise, or more frequent or intense rainfall

• Same Categories:
  • Committed Funding Source
  • No Identified Funding Source

• Please include O&M costs in this section (not in Part 5.1)

• Replacement of aging infrastructure should not be included in this section
Part 6 – The Estimated Remaining Useful Life of Each Facility or Its Major Components

• Remaining useful life is reduced to a summary list of those projects scheduled or identified for replacement due to old age/failure.
• Limited to those projects considered “Major”.
• Major defined as any single replacement project greater than 5% of the total O&M expenditures over the most recent five-year period.
Part 7 – The Past 5-Year History of Contributions, Expenditures, and Balances of Any Capital Account

• Actual Expenditures over past 5-years
• Same categories as projections: Routine O&M, Expansion, Resiliency, and Aging Infrastructure
• Capital Account refers to any reserve account specifically to cover future expenditures
• If you have no formal reserve, enter 0 for reserves
Part 8 – Plan to Fund O&M and Expansion over 20-year Horizon, including How Expect to Close any Funding Gap

• EDR will calculate any funding gap based on data provided in previous tables following within the same categories:
  • Committed Funding Source; No Identified Funding Source, and
  • O&M, Expansion, Resiliency, Aging Infrastructure

• The table provides space to describe strategies to close funding gaps (if any) and the expected revenues from such strategies
Summary

• We know this is difficult; EDR has tried to ease the burden by reducing the data requirements for several categories
• Please participate to the best of your ability
• FAQs to be developed as time passes
• Reporting for the next 5-year reporting should become more focused
• For specific issues, please contact us at EDR
Questions/Comments?

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