



Qualified Local Program (QLP) Information

What is a Qualified Local Program?

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) can recognize a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that has been shown to meet or exceed the provisions in the construction general permit (CGP) as a QLP. A QLP directly issues a CGP permit on behalf of the State.

How will this affect the grading permit process in effect now?

Currently, stormwater documents are submitted to TDEC to detail how stormwater is managed during construction. These documents are reviewed and if complete, TDEC will cover the project under the CGP. By achieving QLP status, the City will now review these documents and issue the permit during our plan review process.

What are the benefits of a QLP?

A QLP is designed to make issuing construction stormwater permits more efficient. Having this program in place eliminates the duplication of review processes at state and local levels. This gives the development community one submittal process to follow. Creating a more effective construction stormwater program results in greater water quality protection for the City.

What are the next steps?

The City is currently in a “provisional” status. This provides the City an opportunity to educate stakeholders in the development, construction, and environmental fields on the aspects of this new status and permitting processes. A stormwater ordinance update will occur to incorporate the adopted fee structure of TDEC. After a three-month period, the State will review Franklin’s QLP program and transition the City from “provisional” to “full” status. If approved, the City will begin reviewing stormwater documents on the State’s behalf as early as August 2017.