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**POLICY STATEMENT AND CLARIFICATION**

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**SUBJECT:** STORM SEWER PARALLEL PIPES AND PUMPS  
**DATE:** JUNE 12, 2020

**OVERVIEW:**

This policy clarification clarifies the Stormwater Enterprise's position on parallel pipes and the use of permanent pumps in stormwater.

**CURRENT REQUIREMENTS:**

*Drainage Criteria Manual Vol. 1 Ch. 9* provides criteria for storm sewers. The chapter does not explicitly discuss parallel pipes and permanent pumps.

**POLICY:**

This clarification applies to both public and private systems.

Parallel pipes shall not be used, unless permission is granted through the variance process. Variance requests must be based on severe pre-existing site constraints.

Permanently installed pumps for stormwater shall not be used.