

### **Summary of significant changes between June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> drafts of Chapter 500**

1. Page 2: Revised definition for “high use parking lot” to allow consideration of “other facilities including, but not limited to, office complexes and schools” if there is evidence that runoff has higher pollutant loads than is typical for those facilities. This allows mitigation of some “hot spot” sites to get more credit than they would otherwise get.
2. Page 3: Revised definition for “linear portion of a project” to include a driveway, and replaced the phrase “facility where the impervious or developed area is proportionally much longer than it is wide” with the phrase “transportation corridor.”
3. Page 5: Dropped the term “BMP standards” due to confusion caused by the fact that our BMP manual references other treatment practices not included in the rule. What are called “BMP standards” will be referred to as “General standards.” Phosphorus standards will no longer be a sub-set of General Standards, but will be considered given a separate section heading.
4. Page 5: Under General standards, added flexibility to allow treatment of less than 95% of impervious area, down to as low as 90% of impervious area, provided the applicant can show that treatment of a greater depth of runoff will result in an equivalent amount of overall treatment.
5. Page 9: Dropped requirement for redevelopment projects to meet the urban impaired stream standard to the greatest extent practicable, provided the project’s new use of existing impervious area will be unlikely to increase pollutant levels already in the runoff.
6. Page 10: Added paragraph that allows the DEP the flexibility to waive the flood standard requirement for projects discharging rivers other than “major river segments” provided the discharge will not significantly increase the peak flow of receiving waters and will not adversely affect a wetland or water body. This language was in the 1997 version of Chapter 500.
7. Page 52: Appendix E, changes made to requirements for under-drained soil filter beds to increase flexibility in BMP design.