

Appendix D
City of Tampa Stormwater Utility Mitigation Policy

Eligibility

Parcels subject to a stormwater charge may be granted a mitigation credit based on one of the following factors:

1. No portion of the parcel drains to City right-of-way or any part of a stormwater system over which the City has maintenance responsibility.
2. Owner of parcel contributes monetarily to a Community Development District, Civic Association (Homeowners Association or Property Owners Association), or Special District which provides maintenance to non-City owned stormwater management facilities which accept drainage from City rights-of-way.
3. Parcel has a properly maintained and functional onsite stormwater management system which treats and/or attenuates stormwater prior to discharge to the City right-of-way or stormwater system. Proof of proper operation and maintenance may be required on a periodic basis.

Rationale

Mitigation credits may be granted to parcels whose offsite stormwater impacts on the City system are non-existent, are mitigated by a properly functioning and permitted stormwater system, or the parcel owner contributes to the maintenance of a private system which provides stormwater treatment and attenuation for runoff from public right-of-way. The basis for these credits is as follows:

1. Parcels which do not discharge to the City system do not impose direct stormwater maintenance burdens on the City's system.
2. Parcel owners which contribute to the maintenance of privately held stormwater management facilities that manage runoff from public rights-of-way offset some costs which might otherwise be borne by the City.
3. The City and the receiving waters receive benefits from privately-owned and maintained stormwater management facilities.
4. It is in the City's interest to encourage the proper operation and maintenance and continued existence of onsite stormwater management facilities.

Mitigation Credits

Condition	Mitigation Credit
1. Parcels With No Offsite Discharge of Stormwater to City System: The credit for such parcels will be 100% since the City bears no expense in managing the offsite discharge of the site's flow.	1.0
2. Parcel Owner Contributes to Maintenance of Private System: The credit for such parcels will be based upon the percentage of the City's stormwater operation and maintenance (O&M) budget providing for maintenance of stormwater ponds but in no case shall this be less than 10%. The O&M Budget does not include funds devoted to capital projects addressing conveyance system extension and capacity upgrades.	0.10
3. Parcels With Properly Functioning On-site Treatment and Attenuation: The credit for such parcels will be based upon the percentage of the City's stormwater operation and maintenance (O&M) budget providing for maintenance of stormwater ponds but in no case shall this be less than 10%. The O&M Budget does not include funds devoted to capital projects addressing conveyance system extension and system upgrades.	0.10