

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary of the Environment
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

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- BY EMAIL-

Dear Secretary Wilson,

Attached to this email, please find the Maryland Stormwater Consortium's *Core Environmental Site Design Principles for the Implementation of the Maryland Stormwater Management Act of 2007* ("Core Principles"). We are submitting these to you as a contribution to MDE's efforts this year to fulfill the requirements of the Stormwater Management Act. We hope that MDE will incorporate these 13 Core Principles into your revised Stormwater Design Manual and stormwater regulations in COMAR, and the new model stormwater ordinance.

The Core Principles were crafted by a group of stormwater and watershed experts and advocates from around the State, led by Tom Schueler, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Stormwater Network and chair of the Consortium's Technical Committee. Over 35 organizations, including civic, watershed, environmental, and green developer groups, have endorsed the Core Principles, which have undergone extensive peer review and revision since they first were published in early fall of 2007.

Please contact me or Tom Schueler (watershedguy@hotmail.com) if you or your staff have questions or need more information on these Core Principles or the related efforts of the Maryland Stormwater Consortium. We look forward to collaborating with MDE in this work, which is vital to the protection and restoration of all of Maryland's waters.

Yours for clean water,

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