

New Hampshire Small MS4 Regulation Assessment Report Wilton

Sections 2.3.6.c and 2.3.6.d require that the permittee develop a report assessing current street design and parking lot guidelines and other local requirements that affect the creation of impervious cover or the implementation of low impact development practices. The report should confirm that appropriate reductions in impervious area and green infrastructure practices are allowable. The following list with associated action items may serve as this report.

- 1) Where in municipal code are public street widths regulated?
 - ◆ In Wilton, public street standards are described in Appendix 1 of the Land Use Laws and Regulations. There are specific chapters that refer to those standards: Section B Subdivision Regulations; Section C Cluster Development Regulations; and Section D Site Plan Regulations.
 - a. Do regulations allow for/encourage lane width reductions where appropriate?
 - ◆ Only Section C Cluster Development expressly allows for reductions where appropriate while maintaining public safety and access.
 - b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:
 - ◆ With Section C in mind, Sections B and D could be reviewed to determine if the same reductions in road width could be allowed while maintaining public safety.
- 2) Where in municipal code are private street widths regulated?
 - ◆ In Wilton, private streets fall under Section G Driveway Regulations and this allows for access to a maximum of three houses and in limited circumstances a maximum of four houses.
 - a. Do regulations allow for/encourage lane width reductions where appropriate?
 - ◆ The Planning Board may, and has, reduced the width of shared driveways and it does not require the shared driveways to be paved.
 - b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:

- 3) Where in municipal code are parking space sizes regulated?
- ◆ In Wilton, parking space size is determined in Section D Site Plan Regulations. This section is referred to in other Sections.
 - a. Do regulations allow for/encourage parking space size reductions where appropriate?
 - ◆ No, there are no provisions for the reduction of parking space size.
 - b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:
 - ◆ Currently the Planning Board is reviewing Section D Site Plan Regulations and could make changes to allow for site-specific alterations in parking spot size.
- 4) Where in municipal code are the number of required parking spaces regulated?
- ◆ In Wilton, parking space size is determined in Section D Site Plan Regulations. This section is referred to in other Sections.
 - a. Do regulations allow for/encourage parking space reductions where appropriate?
 - ◆ No, there are no provisions for the reduction of parking spaces required outside of the Downtown Commercial District Main Street overlay. Site plans in this district have no parking requirements.
 - b. If not, determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this reduction in impervious area:
 - ◆ Currently the Planning Board is reviewing Section D Site Plan Regulations and could make changes to allow for site-specific alterations in parking space number.
- 5) Where in municipal code are allowable stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) regulated?
- ◆ In Wilton, stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) are regulated under Section H Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Regulations. They are allowed as long as they meeting the needed standard for stormwater management.
 - a. Do regulations allow/encourage low impact development design options? Specifically confirm that the following practices are allowable by code:
 - Infiltration practices such as rain gardens
 - Curb extensions
 - Planter gardens

- Porous and pervious pavements

- ◆ While none of these options are specifically noted, green infrastructure is encouraged in Wilton and practiced by the Town on Town facilities.
 - b. If not, note impediment to the use of the practices and determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for these practices:
 - ◆ Currently the Planning Board is reviewing Section H Stormwater Management and Erosion Control and could make changes explicitly encourage green infrastructure.
- 6) Are green roofs allowed by building code and other applicable regulations?
- ◆ Green roof standards are not currently stated in the IBC or IRC but the American National Standards Institute has approved standards for green roofs and is further refining the standards to address the growth media.
 - a. If not, note impediment to the use of the practices and determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for this practice
 - ◆ The Building Inspector would determine any changes needed to Section E Building Code of the Wilton Land Use Ordinance and Regulations. As of 2022, no requests for a green roof have been made.
- 7) Is water harvesting and the use of stormwater for non-potable uses allowed by building/plumbing code and other applicable regulations?
- ◆ In Wilton, there are no prohibitions against using stormwater for non-potable uses. The Fire Station as part of their SWPP added water harvesting to the list of recommendations.
 - a. If not, note impediment to the use of the practices and determine where adjustments in code may be appropriate to allow for these practices.
 - ◆ The Building Inspector would determine any changes needed to Section E Building Code of the Wilton Land Use Ordinance and Regulations. As of 2022, no requests for a green roof have been made.

If the above assessment indicates that code adjustments are necessary, outline the steps needed to adjust/amend code as needed and estimate timelines for that process. Identify and involve any pertinent planning board, transportation committee, building department, etc. needed to amend applicable codes. The permittee shall report on its findings and the progress towards making the practices allowable as part of the MS4 annual report.