


Oak Park Conservancy District Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) Site Planning and Design Practices (SPD's)	SPD-04.3
Activity: Conservation Easements	

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS: Planning: Required Training: Required Recommended Personnel Involvement: Town Engineer Town Attorney Developers IDEM IDNR	
Target Pollutants	
Significant ♦ Partial ♦ Low or Unknown ♦	
Sediment ♦ Heavy Metals ♦ Nutrients ♦ Oxygen Demanding Substances ♦ Toxic Materials ♦ Oil & Grease ♦ Bacteria & Viruses ♦ Floatable Materials ♦ Construction Waste ♦	

Description	<p>Another useful tool for protecting sensitive areas is a conservation easement. A conservation easement incorporates legal provisions into a property deed that limits the use of the property. Conservation easements allow for the continued private ownership of the land but restrict land uses to current uses or to non-damaging activities. The legal concession may be donated by or purchased from the owner. The land owner also may be compensated by reduced property taxes on the land in the easement.</p>
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