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City fights storm water pollution

Overland Park is going "green" with its storm water solutions

The City Council this week approved new regulations that it hopes will minimize and prevent pollution in storm water.

The new ordinances will govern how commercial developers and home builders handle storm water in their projects and may increase their costs.

Some environmentally friendly solutions that will be more expensive are natural retention ponds and wetlands that can handle a lot of water after a heavy storm. Other suggestions include rain gardens.

The ordinances will bring the city into compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit required by Kansas and the federal government.

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