

SECTION 3A: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

The Canandaigua Lake Watershed is experiencing significant residential growth and will continue to see growth well into the future. Land development activities and associated increases in site impervious cover often alter the hydrologic response of local watersheds and increase stormwater runoff rates and volumes, flooding, and stream channel erosion. Stormwater runoff from development activities also contributes to increased quantities of various pollutants. The improper design, construction, and long term management of stormwater facilities will not adequately handle the changes in water quantity and quality resulting from these developments. Therefore, it is imperative that municipalities increase their level of oversight on development—ranging from single-lots to subdivisions and other large-scale sites.