



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER



DSC Information Notice #205

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Topic: Department of Public Works Draft Design Standards Manual
***** Public Review and Comment Period *****

The City of Virginia Beach is presenting for public review and comment the [Department of Public Works Draft Design Standards Manual](#). Please send written comments to Laurie Murphy at lemurphy@vb.gov on or before **April 24, 2014**.

Background

The current version of the Department of Public Works Specifications and Standards was first adopted by the City Council in 1994. When established, the document was a compilation of all of the current development related standards, policies, procedures, specifications and details. The document also contained a mix of requirements for both private (on-site) infrastructure and public infrastructure. Since 1994 the document has been updated nine times in its current format.

The document has been updated and restructured by a committee of City and private stakeholders to provide the private design community with a focused document providing design standards for Public Works owned and maintained infrastructure only. The name of the document will be changed to the Department of Public Works Design Standards Manual.

The updated document will provide the design community with a clear set of design standards for Public Works owned and maintained infrastructure. Other private (on-site) design requirements will be separated and available from the appropriate department(s).

This document was first posted for review in the Spring of 2012. The major change to this version is in Section 8, Stormwater Management, which incorporates the new State regulations.

You are encouraged to review the Department of Public Works Draft Design Standards Manual and forward written comments to Laurie Murphy at lemurphy@vbgov.com.

The public review and comment period will remain open through **April 24, 2014**. Upon completion of the public review all comments will be considered by the standards committee and appropriate comments/revisions will be incorporated into the final updated document. The final Department of Public Works Design Standards Manual is forecasted to be presented to the City Council for approval in the Spring of 2014.

Resource Location

The Department of Public Works Draft Design Standards Manual may be found on the Public Works Website or use the following hyperlink:

<http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/standards-specs/Pages/draft-pw-design-standards-manual.aspx>.

Available Date: Immediately

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