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Controversial Tennessee stormwater bill becomes law without governor's signature

A contentious stormwater bill (S.B. 1830/H.B. 1892) that restricts the ability of localities to establish post-construction control standards has become law in Tennessee without action by Governor Bill Haslam (R). The legislation states, "No general permit shall impose post construction storm water requirements that are more restrictive than the Federal Water Pollution Control Act...".

The legislation was introduced in January 2016 and was approved by an overwhelming majority in both the state House and Senate, with final legislative action on April 12. Environmental organizations and several localities opposed the bill.

The measure took effect April 22, but without signature of Governor Haslam. [Read more](#)

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Hope for saving salmon lies in reducing stormwater pollution

Salmon exposed to toxic stormwater can die in a matter of hours. But preliminary new findings by Washington State University (WSU; Seattle) researchers suggest that bioretention systems, such as rain gardens, that filter out contaminants from stormwater runoff are key for preventing lethal impacts on fish, according to a WSU press release. [Read more](#)

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In April 2016, EPA announced four winners and two honorable mentions for the 2015 Campus RainWorks Challenge. Teams from the University of Maryland and University of Texas at Arlington earned first place wins. [Read more](#)

Blog: Multidisciplinary approach, community engagement for green infrastructure

In recent years, as communities look for ways to ensure the quality of their rivers, streams, lakes, and estuaries, stormwater management approaches have shifted from methods that concentrate, convey, and discharge runoff to receiving waters, toward methods that incorporate green infrastructure techniques which can closely mimic or restore natural hydrologic systems within the built environment. [Read more](#)

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May 16-18
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June 8
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