STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

MUNICIPAL TYPE OERPATIONS

SOP For: Landscaping and Ground Maintenance

SOP Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Purpose of SOP: To establish stormwater pollution prevention procedures for landscaping and grounds maintenance which will prevent the addition of pollutants into the sewer system as a result of these activities.

Location of SOP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Standard Operating Procedures**

* Vegetation should be periodically managed to minimize the amount of waste or debris generated at one time.
* Removed vegetation should be disposed of at least daily.
* Avoid disturbing underlying soil when removing vegetation if possible.
* If soil is disturbed when removing vegetation, assess the area for the need for erosion and sediment control.
* Use mulch or other appropriate erosion control measures on exposed soils.
* If possible, mow when the area is dry.
* Inspect sidewalks, streets and other hard surface areas for grass clippings following mowing or trimming. If clippings have been dispersed, use a blower to collect and remove them.
* Grass chippings should be mulched in placed whenever possible.
* Equipment should be periodically cleaned to prevent the buildup of material that could become dislodged and enter the storm sewer system.
* Pesticide and herbicide application should only be done by trained knowledgeable personnel.
* Pesticide and herbicide use should be limited as much as possible
* Timers should be used with sprinklers to minimize runoff.
* Inspect the irrigation system periodically to ensure the right amount of water is being used, excessive runoff is not occurring and to ensure proper function.
* Clean up minor fuel drips and leaks immediately.

**Training**

* Employees shall be trained on proper preventative practices for landscaping and grounds maintenance and handling of waste materials.
* Employees shall be trained on the principles of pollution prevention and styormwater management.