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Detailed Explanation

Stormwater Management Standards Comparison Charts serve as critical decision-support resources in civil engineering, urban planning, and environmental compliance. They synthesize complex, often fragmented regulatory frameworks—including federal mandates like the Clean Water Act’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II, state-specific stormwater permits (e.g., California’s General Permit, New York’s SPDES), and local ordinances—into an accessible, side-by-side format. Key comparison dimensions include hydrologic performance targets (e.g., 85% total suspended solids removal, 1-inch runoff capture), design storm return intervals (e.g., 2-year/24-hour vs. 10-year/24-hour), infiltration rate requirements, water quality volume (WQv) calculation methods, and long-term maintenance obligations. These charts also clarify distinctions between prescriptive standards (e.g., minimum BMP sizing ratios) and performance-based standards (e.g., post-development peak flow attenuation relative to pre-development conditions). Practitioners use them during preliminary design, permitting coordination, inter-agency reviews, and multi-jurisdictional project planning—especially where projects span municipal boundaries or involve phased development under evolving regulatory regimes. By highlighting gaps, overlaps, and harmonization opportunities, such charts facilitate regulatory alignment, reduce design rework, and support evidence-based advocacy for standardized LID adoption.

Key Components

#	Component
1	Jurisdictional Authority
2	Design Storm Criteria
3	Water Quality Volume (WQv) Methodology
4	Performance Metrics (e.g., TSS Removal, Peak Flow Reduction)
5	Maintenance & Monitoring Requirements

Applications

#	Application
1	Pre-design feasibility screening for multi-jurisdictional developments
2	Permit application preparation and regulatory negotiation
3	Municipal ordinance update and benchmarking against peer communities

Related Concepts

#	Concept
1	Low-Impact Development (LID)
2	Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
3	Green Infrastructure
4	Hydrologic Simulation Modeling (e.g., SWMM)
5	NPDES Permitting

Tags

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Stormwater Management Standards Comparison Chart

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