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RE: WQPZ requirements at the Rock Creek and 12 ST. NW site

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to inform you of my opinions of the City of Norman's WQPZ requirements. Evidently this is the first test case where structural controls have been attempted to lessen the effects of the Water Quality Protection Zone. Without this, the WQPZ would be a limiting factor on the uses for your 2.28 acre property. However, the controls are just as limiting. By using the Wichita storm water manual we would need several structure controls leading down to the detention pond. And this area would not be usable for anything else. I can see with a larger parcel the structural controls would be more effective and less constrictive. But on this size site with the limited use you are proposing I don't think it is feasible, nor effective. Especially since other surrounding uses have more sever uses and no structural controls. It just seems the cat is out of the bag in this case. Whatever minuscule improvement to the basin your controls would provide will be overshadowed by the other uses without any controls. My opinion is that with the degree of development the City of Norman has already, they would be better served to go downstream and create some regional structural controls that would allow more pollutant removal before it enters the reservoir containing the drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ross C. Morris