

# Frequently Asked Questions: GDOT Manual on Drainage Design for Highways (2014 Edition)

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To submit additional questions for clarification, please email all questions and comments to [DrainageManual@dot.ga.gov](mailto:DrainageManual@dot.ga.gov), or you may reach the GDOT Office of Design Policy and Support by contacting Brad McManus at (404) 631-1630 ([bmcmanus@dot.ga.gov](mailto:bmcmanus@dot.ga.gov))

1. In areas where a GDOT project contains both a state route and a local road, how are MS4 permit requirements treated? ***Potential scenarios are listed below:***
  - a. **If the outfall basin and outfall are located on the state route, MS4 permit requirements will still apply and GDOT will be subject to the design, installation, and maintenance of a BMP for that particular outfall basin unless the BMP is determined to be excluded or infeasible.**
  - b. **If the entire outfall basin and outfall are located on the local road, this basin is not subject to MS4 requirements. The designer shall comply with local MS4 requirements and coordinate with the local government for the specific design, installation, and maintenance requirements for a BMP for that particular outfall basin.**
  - c. **If the outfall basin is on the state route and the outfall is located along the local road, GDOT will follow its normal procedure for BMP design and, if determined feasible, will install the BMP on the GDOT right-of-way.**
  - d. **If the entire outfall basin is on the local road and the outfall is located along the state route, further coordination with GDOT and the local government is required and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.**
2. Point of Clarification: **Regarding the use of OGFC or PEM, in a road widening scenario; a TSS removal rate of 50% can be claimed for installing OGFC or PEM as long as enough existing and proposed OGFC or PEM is present to account for the total increase in impervious surface.**
3. Point of Clarification: **With regard to the installation of BMPs in the clear zone, it is the obligation of the designer to follow GDOT and FHWA policies regarding clear zones and to exercise the standard of care to protect public safety.**
4. Point of Clarification: **Regarding the Post-Construction Stormwater Report; where Attachment B is required, ALL outfall basins must be included in the summary table.**