**Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure Workshop LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT and SAN ANTONIO DRAINAGE ORDINANCES** 

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## **San Antonio Unified Development Code**

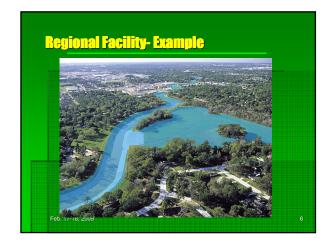
- 35-504 Storm Water Management
  - The purpose of this section is to provide adequate measures for the retention, detention and distribution of storm water in a manner that minimizes the possibility of adverse impacts on both water quantity and water quality during development. Innovative runoff management practices designed to meet the provisions of the UDC, enhance the recharge of groundwater, and maintain the function of critical environmental features are encouraged.

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- 35-504(b)(1) Regional SWM Program
  - The city of San Antonio has determined that regional storm water management is preferable to site specific storm water mitigation. ... The regional storm water management program allows developers to participate in the program rather than constructing the on-site detention controls required by this Section [where there will be no adverse impact].

## San Antonio Unified Development Code 35-504(b)(6)&(7) Peak storm water runoff rates from all ... development shall be less than or equal to the peak runoff rates from the site's predevelopment conditions for the 5-year, 25-year and 100-year design storm events, except as provided in § 35-504(b)(1), above. Summary Developers don't have to fix problems... but they can't make them worse.

## Regional Storm Water Program Why Regional ? Maintainable Predictable (can be modeled) Options Fee Detention Mitigation Challenges Cost of regional facilities Encouraging developers to provide detention

















## **Low Impact Development Conclusion**

- Low Impact Development Practices <u>can</u> help decrease peak runoff volumes.
- Maintenance and other issues make modeling impacts difficult.
- Systems are untested, flow reduction must be determined / agreed upon.
- Hybrid systems, are best option.
  - combine water <u>quantity</u> reduction and water <u>quality</u> protection measures.

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