

## **SECTION C – CREDITS – GUIDE TO CREDIT OPTIONS**

We recognize that the Stormwater Utility Credits Program may be difficult to understand for those unfamiliar with stormwater management or engineering design practices. This guide provides brief descriptions of each credit option available as well as suggestions for property owners based on different types of properties.

**Please include this page with your submission to the city if you are applying for more than one type of credit for a property:**

- Permitted Stormwater Pond (30% Credit)** – available for property owners providing a stormwater pond that has been permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) or other regulatory agency. Applicants must also attest that the facility was built and has since been maintained according to the original permit.
- Detailed Drainage Study (Max 50% Credit)** – available for property owners providing stormwater treatment (quality) and/or stormwater volume control (quantity). If complete stormwater treatment is provided (60% nitrogen removal), the property owner will receive a maximum of 30% credit. If complete stormwater volumetric control is provided (during the 7 hr peak of storm – between 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> hr), the property owner will receive maximum of 20% credit.
- Landlocked System (“Bonus” Credit +25%)** – available for property owners that can demonstrate no discharge (per the SJRWMD definition of a “closed system”) and meet the full credit for treatment and volume.
- Programs & Services [Non-Structural] (4% Credit)** – available for property owners providing water quality programs or services. There are 9 service opportunities; the property owner must provide 6 to get the credit.
- NPDES Industrial Stormwater Permit (2% Credit)** – available for industrial property owners who are in full compliance with their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
- Education (2% Credit)** – available for organizations that provide structured education about stormwater and water quality issues; applies to public/private schools and/or educational institutions with at least 100 students plus employees, or businesses with at least 100 employees. NOTE: this credit will not also count toward the ‘education’ option in the Programs & Services credit.
- Other Best Management Practices (2% Credit)** – available for property owners that have a unique opportunity/approach to improving water quality that is not addressed through other options in the *Adjustments & Credits Manual*.

The cumulative total discount for credits may not exceed 50%, except in cases of a successful application for the 25% “bonus” credit. Each application contains information about the documentation needed to support the credit request. Also, Appendix A in the *Adjustments & Credits Manual* provides additional information about the criteria used to consider each credit application.

**Consider these credits if you are a...  
Residential Property Owner**

- Permitted Stormwater Pond
- Other BMPs

**Consider these credits if you are a...  
Homeowners Association**

- Permitted Stormwater Pond
- Detailed Drainage Study
- Programs & Services
- Other BMPs

**Consider these credits if you are an...  
Educational or Faith-Based Institution**

- Permitted Stormwater Pond
- Detailed Drainage Study
- Programs & Services
- Education
- Other BMPs

**Consider these credits if you are a...  
Small Commercial Development**

- Permitted Stormwater Pond
- Detailed Drainage Study
- Programs & Services
- Other BMPs

**Consider these credits if you are a...  
Large Industrial or Commercial Development**

- Permitted Stormwater Pond
- Detailed Drainage Study
- Landlocked System
- Programs & Services
- Education
- NPDES Industrial Stormwater Permit
- Other BMPs