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Introduced by M. of A. ROZIC, REYES, ROSENTHAL, SHIMSKY, SIMONE, R. CARROLL, SHRESTHA, SIMON, KELLES, RAGA, BORES, TAPIA, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, TAYLOR, LEVENBERG, LASHER, PHEFFER AMATO, GALLAGHER, ZINERMAN, CONRAD, TANNOUSIS, TORRES, McDONALD, COOK, WEPRIN, SEAWRIGHT, McMAHON, BICHOTTE HERMELYN, JACOBSON, COLTON, LUNSFORD, SCHIAVONI, KIM, PAULIN, K. BROWN, HYNDMAN, VALDEZ, BURDICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to including stormwater in the definition of sewage for purposes of certain water, sewer, and water and sewer authorities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivisions 12, 13 and 14 of section 1045-b of the public  
2 authorities law, as added by chapter 513 of the laws of 1984, are  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4 12. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
5 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
6 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
7 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
8 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
9 title.  
10 13. "Sewerage facility" or "sewerage facilities" shall mean any  
11 plants, structures and other real and personal property acquired, reha-  
12 bilitated or constructed or planned for the purpose of collecting,  
13 conveying, treating and disposing of stormwater or sewage, including  
14 main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet or other sewers,

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 outfall, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, groundwater  
2 recharge basins, back-flow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or  
3 disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorous  
4 removal equipment, and other plants, structures, equipment, vehicles,  
5 conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurte-  
6 nances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection,  
7 conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralizing, storing and disposing of  
8 stormwater or sewage.

9 14. "Sewerage system" shall mean the [~~sewage~~] system or systems for  
10 the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment neutralizing, storage and  
11 disposal [~~system or systems~~] of sewage or stormwater in the possession  
12 of, or under the jurisdiction and control of, the city or the water  
13 board, including all additions, increases, enlargements, extensions or  
14 improvements thereto.

15 § 2. Subdivisions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of section 1045-b of the  
16 public authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22  
17 and a new subdivision 17 is added to read as follows:

18 17. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
19 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
20 other surface.

21 § 3. Subdivisions 19 and 21 of section 1115-a of the public authori-  
22 ties law, as amended by chapter 403 of the laws of 1987, are amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 19. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
25 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
26 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
27 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
28 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
29 title.

30 21. "Sewerage system" shall mean the [~~sewage~~] system or systems for  
31 the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralizing, storage  
32 and disposal [~~system or systems~~] of sewage or stormwater owned by, in  
33 the possession of, or under the jurisdiction and control of the city or  
34 the water board, including all additions, increases, enlargements,  
35 extensions or improvements thereto.

36 § 4. Subdivisions 24, 25 and 26 of section 1115-a of the public  
37 authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 25, 26 and 27 and a new  
38 subdivision 24 is added to read as follows:

39 24. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
40 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
41 other surface.

42 § 5. Subdivision 17 of section 1122 of the public authorities law, as  
43 added by chapter 595 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

44 17. "Sewerage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
45 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
46 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
47 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
48 other wastes also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of  
49 this title.

50 § 6. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of section 1122 of  
51 the public authorities law, as added by chapter 595 of the laws of 1991,  
52 are renumbered subdivisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and a new  
53 subdivision 22 is added to read as follows:

54 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
55 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
56 other surface.

1 § 7. Subdivision 18 of section 1122 of the public authorities law, as  
2 added by chapter 592 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

3 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
4 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
5 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
6 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
7 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

8 § 8. Subdivisions 22, 23 and 24 of section 1122 of the public authori-  
9 ties law, as added by chapter 592 of the laws of 1991, are renumbered  
10 subdivisions 23, 24, and 25 and a new subdivision 22 is added to read as  
11 follows:

12 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
13 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
14 other surface.

15 § 9. Subdivisions 16, 17 and 18 of section 1147-a of the public  
16 authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 17, 18 and 19 and a new  
17 subdivision 16 is added to read as follows:

18 16. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
19 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
20 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
21 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
22 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
23 title.

24 § 10. Subdivisions 19 and 20 of section 1147-a of the public authori-  
25 ties law are renumbered subdivisions 21 and 22 and a new subdivision 20  
26 is added to read as follows:

27 20. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
28 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
29 other surface.

30 § 11. Subdivisions 24 and 25 of section 1176 of the public authorities  
31 law are renumbered subdivisions 25 and 26 and a new subdivision 24 is  
32 added to read as follows:

33 24. The term "stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the  
34 ground or other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by  
35 the soil or other surface.

36 § 12. Subdivisions 12 and 14 of section 1196-b of the public authori-  
37 ties law, as added by chapter 510 of the laws of 1984, are amended to  
38 read as follows:

39 12. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
40 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
41 together with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
42 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or  
43 other waste also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this  
44 title.

45 14. "Sewerage system" shall mean the [~~sewage~~] system or systems for  
46 the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment neutralizing, storage and  
47 disposal [~~system—or—systems~~] of sewage or stormwater in the possession  
48 of, or under the jurisdiction and control of, a municipality, including  
49 all additions, increases, enlargements, extensions or improvements ther-  
50 eto.

51 § 13. Subdivisions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of section 1196-b of the  
52 public authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22  
53 and a new subdivision 17 is added to read as follows:

54 17. "Stormwater" shall mean a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
55 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
56 other surface.

1 § 14. Subdivision 19 of section 1199-a of the public authorities law,  
2 as added by chapter 723 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 19. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
5 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
6 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
7 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
8 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

9 § 15. Subdivisions 23, 24 and 25 of section 1199-a of the public  
10 authorities law are renumbered subdivisions 24, 25 and 26 and a new  
11 subdivision 23 is added to read as follows:

12 23. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
13 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
14 other surface.

15 § 16. Subdivision 18 of section 1199-bb of the public authorities law,  
16 as added by chapter 501 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
19 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
20 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
21 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
22 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

23 § 17. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of section 1199-bb of  
24 the public authorities law, subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 as  
25 renumbered by chapter 501 of the laws of 1990, are renumbered subdivi-  
26 sions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and a new subdivision 22 is added to  
27 read as follows:

28 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
29 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
30 other surface.

31 § 18. Subdivision 18 of section 1199-bbbb of the public authorities  
32 law, as added by chapter 195 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
35 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
36 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
37 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
38 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

39 § 19. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of section 1199-bbbb  
40 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 195 of the laws of  
41 1995, are renumbered subdivisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and a  
42 new subdivision 22 is added to read as follows:

43 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
44 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
45 other surface.

46 § 20. Subdivision 18 of section 1199-aaaa of the public authorities  
47 law, as added by chapter 411 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as  
48 follows:

49 18. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
50 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
51 with such groundwater infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as may  
52 be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial or other waste also  
53 shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

54 § 21. Subdivisions 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of section 1199-aaaa  
55 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 411 of the laws of

1 1995, are renumbered subdivisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 and a  
2 new subdivision 22 is added to read as follows:

3 22. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
4 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
5 other surface.

6 § 22. Subdivision 2 of section 1230-g of the public authorities law is  
7 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

8 (h) "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
9 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
10 other surface.

11 § 23. Subdivision 21 of section 1232-b of the public authorities law,  
12 as added by chapter 685 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 21. "Sewage" means the water-carried human or animal wastes from resi-  
15 dences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places, together  
16 with such ground water infiltration, stormwater, and surface water as  
17 may be present. The admixture of sewage with industrial or other waste  
18 also shall be considered "sewage" within the meaning of this title.

19 § 24. Subdivisions 26 and 27 of section 1232-b of the public authori-  
20 ties law are renumbered subdivisions 27 and 28 and a new subdivision 26  
21 is added to read as follows:

22 26. "Stormwater" means a flow of water occurring on the ground or  
23 other surface from rain or meltwater that is not absorbed by the soil or  
24 other surface.

25 § 25. Subdivision 16 of section 1281 of the public authorities law, as  
26 amended by chapter 744 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 16. "Sewage" shall mean the water-carried human or animal wastes from  
29 residences, buildings, industrial establishments or other places,  
30 together with such ground water infiltration, stormwater, and surface  
31 water as may be present. The admixture with sewage of industrial waste  
32 or other waste shall also be considered "sewage" within the meaning of  
33 this title.

34 § 26. Section 1281 of the public authorities law is amended by adding  
35 a new subdivision 35 to read as follows:

36 35. "Stormwater" or "storm water" shall mean a flow of water occurring  
37 on the ground or other surface from rain or meltwater that is not  
38 absorbed by the soil or other surface.

39 § 27. Nothing in this act shall result in the transfer, reassignment,  
40 or contracting out of existing duties and functions related to stormwa-  
41 ter management that are performed by municipal employees on or before  
42 the effective date of this act.

43 § 28. This act shall take effect immediately.