NYC GREEN CODES
LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE

GCTF Proposal
Send Rainwater to Waterways

Implemented
Chapter 31 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York

Summary
Most properties located on a waterfront direct their rainwater into the sewer system, which contributes to more frequent combined sewer overflows during storms.

This regulatory change amends the house & site connection requirements of the sewer system chapter of the Rules of New York City to require that properties on a waterway send their stormwater to that waterway.

New Requirements or Changes
Effective: July 4, 2012, with a small portion effective immediately upon passing January 4, 2012. These changes do not apply retroactively; they are only triggered with new development in combined sewer areas of the city.

Amendment to Chapter 31 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2(12):
• Any person constructing a new development abutting a waterway shall discharge its stormwater to that waterway. All direct discharges shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Enforcement
This amendment is a standard part of the Sewer System Connections rule. The Department of Environmental Protection will enforce it in the same manner as any other element of this rule.

Implementation
There are no known issues for the implementation of this rule.