

Downspouts and Stormwater Runoff

Construction projects can affect the flow of stormwater runoff, especially when these activities result in greater lot coverage and smaller areas for distributing the water. Section 185-88 of the Town Code already requires a stormwater management plan for development on any lot that shows how post-development runoff can be reduced to pre-development condition.

The Charter and Code Review Committee considered this issue and recommended:

- Establishing a requirement that gutters and downspouts be included as part of the construction or renovation of a building.
- The discharge point for stormwater should be at least 4 feet from the property line.

Alternate language for the second bullet:

- Stormwater runoff on any lot shall be contained within the boundaries of that lot. The discharge point for stormwater must be at least 4 feet from the property line, or greater distance if necessary to contain stormwater.