

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **City Named as One of Five to Participate in State Pilot Program**

The City of Bristol was selected by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to participate in the Tennessee Qualifying Local Program (QLP), a pilot program that will allow the city to assume complete regulatory authority for the storm water management program. Bristol was one of five agencies selected to participate in the program - including the cities of Knoxville and Cookeville, and the counties of Knox and Washington.

The QLP will eliminate the duplication of efforts currently placed on developers to seek permits from both TDEC and the city. “This should result in a savings on both time and expense for local developers,” Bill Sorah, Deputy City Manager-Public Works said. In addition, it places the responsibility for the enforcement of storm water regulations with the city which should allow these issues to be addressed more expeditiously. In moving forward with the program, the city will be amending its erosion and sediment control ordinance to mirror the state requirements.

The single permit system should go into effect by early 2013. The City will spend the next few months educating local developers and contractors as well as taking steps to move construction activities from a dual payment system to a single permit system administered by the local QLP.