

### **Storm Water Open Space Policy:**

1. The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria necessary to receive an exemption for open space in the determination of the applicable storm water tax.
2. Definition: Open Space is defined as any unimproved parcel or unimproved portion of a parcel with vegetative cover greater than or equal to 75% of the total parcel. Sports fields, parks, and cemeteries are considered open space.
3. In using the SCS (Soil Conservation Service) methodology for estimating runoff there is an assumed impervious area and pervious area for each storm drainage classification. Based on the land use and associated hydrologic condition, a SCS curve number is assigned. All open space is assumed to have vegetation in good condition with equal to or greater than 75% vegetative cover. The curve number for open space is 61.
4. The open space of a parcel must be greater than or equal to 75% of the total parcel area. For any taxable unit or parcel in which open space is less than 75%, no part of such taxable unit or parcel will be considered for exemption. 75% is used because during the development of the rates, open space (Parks, Cemeteries, and vacant undeveloped lots) was exempted from the tax.
5. The proposed open space and the taxable part of any taxable unit or parcel would each need to have an accurate description of the respective dimensions of each. This could be a legal description or an **accurately** scaled drawing showing the proper dimensions of each such area.
6. Both such areas would also have to meet applicable zoning requirements for a zoning lot under the Village of Rantoul Zoning Ordinance. The zoning requirements would be based on the current zoning classification for the taxable unit or parcel. The use of gerrymandered or irregular boundaries or lot lines for any such zoning lot, which are designed solely for the purpose of minimizing the taxable part of any taxable unit or parcel, is not permitted under this policy.

Approved by the Village of Rantoul Storm Drainage Committee on 16 August, 2001