

Berlin Regenwasseragentur — Sponge-City Rainwater Management Rules for New Development

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Since 2018 Berlin's Regenwasseragentur advises on and the city requires on-site rainwater management in new development, with green roofs mandated for larger flat roofs; benefits remain mostly unquantified and critics call the pace too slow.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-10-14

Berlin Senate Department for Mobility, Transport, Climate Action and Environment / Berliner Wasserbetriebe (Regenwasseragentur) — accessed 2026-10-14

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