

Oslo's Blue-Green Factor — A Mandatory Stormwater & Greenery Score for New Developments

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Norway

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Oslo requires new developments to hit a minimum 'Blue-Green Factor' score for stormwater, vegetation, biodiversity and recreation; a peer-reviewed study found wadi-based measures returned up to 17.3x their cost, and the norm is now a Norwegian national standard.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[City of Oslo \(Bymiljøetaten / Klimaetaten — Urban Environment & Climate Agencies\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Interlace Hub — Blue-Green Factor Norm](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Sustainability \(MDPI\) — Investing in Urban Blue-Green Infrastructure, Oslo](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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