

City of Johnstown Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater Management Program

The City of Johnstown owns and operates a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) that collects stormwater from roadways, parking lots, homes, businesses, green spaces and wooded areas within the City and discharges it into local waterways including the Stonycreek River, Little Conemaugh River, Conemaugh River, St. Clair Run, Elk Run, Hinckston Run, Solomon Run, Cheney Run and Sams Run. The City's Storm Sewer System consists of approximately:

- 317,000 Linear Feet of Stormwater Pipes
- 3,400 Catch Basin/Inlets
- 200+ Stormwater Outfalls to local waterways

The City operates our Storm Sewer System under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) General Permit (PAG-136245) issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The Permit requires the City to develop, implement and enforce a Stormwater Management Program designed to reduce the discharge of polluted stormwater into local ways. The Program is focused on educating and engaging residents, school students, City employees, businesses and developers on the impacts of stormwater pollution and the steps they can take to prevent it. The City's Program consists of the following components:

- Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Stormwater Management
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The Program also describes actions the City itself is taking to reduce pollutants from entering the storm sewer system and into local waterways. More information about the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program can be found by visiting the following:

- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (www.depweb.state.pa.us/MS4)

There are many opportunities for City residents to participate in the City's Stormwater Program. Residents can report a potential stormwater pollution problem, they can participate in a neighborhood clean up day and in a City recycling program and they can install a rain barrel to collect and reuse stormwater on their property. Residents can also educate themselves and their neighbors on the importance of reducing pollutants from stormwater. Interesting and useful information about stormwater and its impact on water quality is provided in the "When it Rains, It Drains" brochure. Copies of this brochure are available at City Hall.