

# Licking County's MS4 Program

## A Program to Manage Storm Water Runoff and Protect Our Streams from Pollution

### What is an MS4?

MS4 stands for **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System**. A storm water conveyance system includes roads, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains:

- Owned or operated by a public body
- Designed and used for collecting storm water
- Is not a combined sewer
- Is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works

### Background

Licking County and several townships formed a partnership in 2003 to meet requirements of the US EPA's Storm Water Phase II Rule. That rule was written in an effort to preserve, protect, and improve the nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff.

Phase II regulations affect MS4s serving populations less than 100,000 and located within urbanized areas (UAs). MS4 communities were required to develop a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) and submit an application to Ohio EPA prior to March 10, 2003, which the Licking County MS4 Partnership accomplished.

More information can be found online at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/index.aspx> (Municipal MS4 tab)

### About the Licking County MS4 Partnership

Licking County's MS4 Partnership includes the townships of Etna, Granville, Licking, Newark, Newton, Madison, and Union, and the villages of Buckeye Lake, Granville, and Hebron. The partnership developed their initial SWMP in 2003 and has made appropriate revisions from time to time.

Other MS4 Communities within Licking County include the cities of Heath, Newark, and Pataskala, and the Village of Hanover. These entities operate their own individual MS4 Programs.

### For further information on this program:

Licking County's Storm Water Management page:  
<http://lickingswcd.com/services-and-information/lcswcd-programs/storm-water-management>

The Ohio EPA Stormwater webpage:  
<http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/index.aspx>

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Township, Village, or City Officials of the  
involved communities.

### MS4 Urbanized Areas of Licking County (2000 and 2010 US Census)

