

About the Licking County Ohio Storm Water Management Program

The Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) includes six minimum control measures (MCMs) to be addressed during the timeframe of the permit. These MCMs and their goals are as follows:

1. Public Education and Outreach

Distributing educational materials and performing outreach to inform citizens about the impacts polluted storm water runoff discharges can have on water quality.

Youth educational materials are often included in a school's curriculum. Adult educational opportunities are often found through Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District.

2. Public Participation/Involvement

Providing opportunities for citizens to participate in programs, as well as the SWMP development and implementation process.

Let your Village, Township, or County officials know of your interests and concerns. Opportunities to speak publicly are often offered at their regular meetings.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Developing and implementing a plan to detect and eliminate illicit (prohibited) discharges to the storm sewer system.

Illicit discharges include improper dumping into storm sewers, curbs, ditches, and streams, as well as discharges from failing septic systems. Common illicit discharges are motor oils and paint; also included are grass clippings, tree-trimmings and other yard waste. Please contact the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District or Licking County Health Department if you observe any suspected illicit discharges.

4. Construction Site Runoff Control

Developing, implementing, and enforcing an erosion and sediment control program for construction activities that disturb one or more acres of land.

Villages regulate these activities through their ordinances. Townships rely on Licking County Planning Commission for regulatory assistance and can often utilize their zoning regulations to ensure compliance.

5. Post-Construction Runoff Control

Developing, implementing, and enforcing a program to address discharges of post-construction storm water runoff from new development and redevelopment areas.

New developments are required to provide Post-Construction storm water control and water quality runoff control. Village ordinances and County regulations provide local guidance in compliance with state and federal rules.

6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Developing and implementing a program with the goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations.

Villages and Townships are responsible for observing and practicing Good Housekeeping measures at their facilities and on the community infrastructure they are maintaining.