



Licking County MS4 Partners Newsletter

May 2012

Welcome to the May, 2012 edition of the newsletter. Please share information about your community's activities or accomplishments so we may all benefit by that knowledge. Most of the Partners can be contacted by using the email address associated with this Newsletter's distribution.

The Program and its Six Minimum Control Measures:

The SWMP (Storm Water Management Program) is based on six "Minimum Control Measures" or MCMs:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation and Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Much information on these MCMs is found at:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/munic.cfm>

Information on the Ohio-specific MS4 Program is at:

http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/ms4_index.aspx

Ongoing implementation of the above MCMs is critical to the success of the Partnership's SWMP and to keep in compliance with the Ohio EPA MS4 Permit.

Recent cutbacks and personnel changes at the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District has reduced or eliminated conservation educational activities in most schools. This translates as a reduction in MCM#1 activities that have benefited most partners in the past. Each Partner should look for opportunities to expand their implementation of educational activities and encourage greater public participation in your village or township to help keep in compliance with the Storm Water Management Program.

The County has historically coordinated the Program's development and Annual Reporting. It has also taken the lead with MCM#3 (IDDE), which includes Outfall mapping and Dry Weather Screening. The Licking County Health Department and County are cooperating to identify Home Septic Treatment Systems (HSTS) in the Urbanizing Areas of the partnering MS4 communities, also a part of MCM#3.

Recent & Planned MS4 activities by the LC Engineer's Office:

Annual Report Submitted

The 2012 Annual Report for calendar year 2011 activities was submitted to the Ohio EPA on March 27, 2012. Thanks to all Partners that timely submitted information for the report. Most goals were met or are in the process of being achieved on a satisfactory schedule. All partners should have received a copy of the report in early April. It is planned that this report, and past reports, will be made publicly available on the County's web site.

MCM#3-Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Completion of the first round of Dry Weather Screening (DWS) is of the highest priority this year (as we are in the fourth year of the second term of the permit). Approximately half of the total MS4 Storm Outfalls were screened in 2011. Most DWS has now been completed for the Village of Granville (done in 2012).

Mapping the Storm Sewer System is also a high priority item; this will help develop individual watershed maps for each identified outfall. So far, field efforts have been focused around the central Licking County area. Work in Etna Township is planned for 2012, as is the completion of all DWS. Partners having any mapping of storm water drainage systems (storm sewer maps) are encouraged to share those maps with us if they have not already done so.

The Licking County Health Department has shared lists of all the home septic systems (HSTS) in Granville Township with us and similar data has been obtained for parts of Madison Township. This information will be important to the creation of a list of properties having discharging HSTSs, a requirement of IDDE.

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Training for Partners:

The Licking County Engineer's Office held a training session for MCM#6—Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations (PPGHMO)- for Etna Township in February. Other Partners are welcome to request initial training for their employees, or a refresher, if all employees had training last year. **NOTE: it is a permit requirement that all employees have training or a refresher ANNUALLY.** This is for all employees involved in outside work where storm water could be adversely affected by improper action or the lack of action, and for shop workers that get out from time to time or are responsible for a particular facility that has an SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan).

All of the Partnering Communities should now have at least a basic Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations (PPGHMO) plan in hand. We were able to forward copies of a generic plan, but tailored somewhat, to each of those communities not yet having a written plan. The communities of Buckeye Lake, Village of Granville, Newark Township, Newton Township, Madison Township and Union Township will also need to prepare the SWPPP for your facilities that lie within the Urbanizing Area of your MS4 community. We have prepared site plans for Madison and Newark Townships, and will assist others if requested.

More about Public Participation & Involvement (MCM#2):

To facilitate and enhance Public Participation and Involvement locally – Please consider dedicating a brief segment of your regular meetings to storm water related public comment. Be sure to offer the public opportunities to participate in your programs or events that focus on or include improving storm water quality.

Upcoming Training & Conferences:

May 17, 2012 - POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS. For registration to this and other training opportunities see: http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/storm_water.aspx

June 6-8, 2012 - Ohio Stormwater Association's 2012 Ohio Stormwater Conference – Early registration until May 15!

Information:

<http://www.ohioswa.com/calendar-events/annual-conference/>

This conference includes several educational sessions tracks...check it out!

The last word:

The Office of the Licking County Engineer is here to help you meet obligations and requirements of the Permit and the Partner's SWMP, particularly Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination. It remains each entity's responsibility to be actively involved and to insure each MCM is locally (Township or Village) addressed to a satisfactory level that meets the goals of the Program.

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