

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Mosinee is required by the Federal Clean Water Act to obtain a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (“MS4”) Permit from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The MS4 Permit allows the City to discharge stormwater from our municipal collection system into the “waters of the State” (i.e.: Wisconsin River), provided that all of the permit requirements are met. The goal of the federal and state stormwater regulations is to improve the quality of the waterways into which the City’s stormwater drains into.

Under the General Storm Water Discharge Permit, the City is required to undertake the following activities with respect to management of stormwater discharge which occurs within the City:

- *Implement a public education and outreach program pertaining to the harmful effects of inappropriate discharge into the City’s stormwater system.*
- *Develop a program to detect and remove “illicit” discharges into the City’s stormwater system.*
- *Update/Develop ordinances and an enforcement program to reduce construction and post-construction site sediment discharges into the City’s stormwater system.*
- *Develop a stormwater pollution prevention program.*
- *Develop a stormwater quality management program with the implementation of best management practices that will result in the discharge of total suspended solids being reduced by 20% by 2008 and then by 40% by 2013. This will include the need to develop modeling for the total suspended solids control which is also known as “SLAMM”.*
- *Develop an updated map of the City’s storm sewer collection system.*

In 2007, the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission established a Storm Water Management Subcommittee with the intended goal of developing a coordinated and consistent storm water management program within the Wausau Metropolitan Area that meets the MS4 Permit requirements. Marathon County is coordinating the Subcommittee’s activities and has established a webpage that includes public educational information to help clean-up stormwater before it enters our river system. A link to the Marathon County stormwater webpage is located on the sidebar.

The Subcommittee’s hard work has also led to the creation of the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition. The NCWSC currently consists of the Cities of Mosinee, Marshfield, Merrill, Schofield, Stevens Point, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids; the Villages of Kronenwetter, Rothschild and Weston; the Town of Rib Mountain and also Marathon County whom is coordinating the Coalition’s activities. The NCWSC is “*devoted to sustaining water quality in the Central Wisconsin basin by focusing on public education and coordination of local groups*”. The Coalition has developed a website and TV commercials to enhance public education regarding the importance of proper stormwater management. The Coalition is also partnering with the University of Wisconsin Extension Service and the Central Wisconsin River Basin Partnership to develop workshops (i.e.: rain barrel workshops) and demonstration projects (i.e.: rain gardens) to enhance public education regarding the importance of maintaining a clean stormwater system. A link to the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition’s webpage is located on the sidebar.

As specifically required by the State of Wisconsin MS4 Permit, the City has also adopted the following three ordinances to assist with the management and regulation of stormwater discharge into the City’s collection system:

- **STORMWATER ILLICIT DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (Ordinance No. 2009-03):** Prohibits the discharge of any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards. Examples of such prohibited pollutants include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; sewage; animal wastes; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.
- **CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS (Ordinance No. 2009-04):** Establishes requirements to reduce the discharge of sediment and other pollutants that are carried by runoff or discharged from land disturbing construction activity into the stormwater system and the waters of the state. The requirements include the use of established Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants resulting from land-disturbing construction activities.
- **POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER CONTROL REQUIREMENTS (Ordinance No. 2009-05):** Establishes long-term, post-construction runoff management requirements to reduce the amount of stormwater and associated pollutants reaching waters of the state. The requirements include the application of established post-construction performance standards for new development and redevelopment within the City. The purpose of the post-construction regulations is to prevent and control the adverse effects of stormwater; prevent and control soil erosion; prevent and control water pollution; protect spawning grounds, fish and aquatic life; control building sites, placement of structures and land uses; preserve ground cover and scenic beauty; and promote sound economic growth.

Each of the three stormwater management ordinances summarized above are available for viewing by clicking on the appropriately noted sidebar.

The City is currently in the process of updating the maps of our stormwater collection system and we will provide these maps on this page in the near future.

If you have any questions or need additional information pertaining to the City's Stormwater Management Program, please feel welcome to contact Director of Public Works Kevin Breit (publicworks@mosinee.wi.us) at 693-3840 or City Administrator Jeff Gates (cityadmn@mosinee.wi.us) at 693-2275.

Help us keep our waterways clean!