

2016 Stormwater Management Plan for Public Comment

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The City of Mansfield owns and maintains a system of stormwater drains and pipes that are designed to carry stormwater (rain and snowmelt) from areas of potential flooding (ie: streets and public parking lots) to the closest stream. This system, which also includes roadside ditches, is known as a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). Unlike sanitary sewer systems, MS4s do not lead to a wastewater treatment plant. They carry stormwater directly, without treatment to local waterways.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) enforce stormwater regulations. These regulations are known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). This program requires local governments to develop a plan to reduce stormwater pollution in order to protect and improve waterways.

The program requires MS4s to obtain a permit, develop a plan comprised of six (6) Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will reduce pollutant discharge. The BMPs include the following:

- Public Education and Outreach: distribution of materials and performing outreach to inform residents and contractors about the impact of polluted stormwater runoff.
- Public Participation and Involvement: programs and events that involve people in stormwater management.
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: detection and elimination of illegal discharges to the storm sewer system and improper disposal of waste.
- Construction Site Runoff Control: management of sediment, excessive runoff and pollution from construction sites.
- Post Construction Runoff Control: management of stormwater runoff and pollution from development projects that are permanent facilities.
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping: management of municipal facilities and operations to reduce pollution.

Since 2003, the City of Mansfield, as required by the Ohio EPA, has obtained and operated under the required stormwater discharge permit. The permit is for five (5) years and each renewal requires revisions to the stormwater management plan. The current permit went into effect in 2014 and required additional revisions, including but not limited to addressing TMDL's (Total Maximum Daily Load) to be submitted by December 2016.

The City of Mansfield has developed an updated Stormwater Management Plan that outlines how the City will meet the minimum control measures during the current permit term and can be found [here](#).

A hard copy of the City of Mansfield's Stormwater Management Plan can also be obtained by contacting the City of Mansfield's Engineering Department at 419.755.9702. Comments should be directed to: Kim Hildreth, Program Coordinator at: khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us.