



# Annual Stormwater Management Maintenance Program

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# New Castle County Stormwater Responsibilities

- DNREC Delegation of State's Sediment and Stormwater Responsibilities
  - Plan Review
  - Construction Inspection
  - Post-Construction Inspection
- NPDES Permit DE0051071
  - Issued May 7, 2013 to NCC and DelDOT plus 5 co-permittees
  - Bellefonte, Elsmere, Newport and Delaware City, City of New Castle.

# Permit Elements

- Public Education/Public Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
- Stormwater During Construction (Dept. of Land Use)
- Post Construction Stormwater Management Inspection (BMPs Inspection)
- Good Housekeeping
- Industrial Stormwater
- Watershed Priority List
- Mapping

# Public Education/ Public Involvement

- Hold 2 Stormwater annual seminars
- Meeting the contractors, landscapers, property managers' representatives and members from homeowner's associations at the site or in office
- Attending the community meetings



# Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

- Prohibited by Federal Law; NPDES permit # DE0051071
- Against the County Drainage Code:
  - Sections 12.08.001 (B) of the Code for discharging sewage, industrial wastes, and/or other wastes into the storm sewer system, or any component thereof, or onto driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, or other areas draining to the storm sewer system



# Enforcement of Illicit Discharge

- As soon as our office receives a tip for a PID “Possible Illicit Discharge” case, County personnel will be notified to visit the area to investigate the PID.
- A report will be mailed to us if the case was confirmed as an active ID “Illicit Discharge” case.
- The County issues a **NOV “Notice of Violation” and “Correction Order” to the owner**. A copy of the NOV will also be mailed to the site.
- Failure to complete the items in the "**Correction Order**" shall result in further enforcement action under Section 12.08.005 of the Code, which includes, but is not limited to, administrative fines and investigation fees.

# Post Construction Stormwater Management Inspection

- By State and Federal Laws, we are obligated to inspect all the new/existing stormwater management facilities in the County at least once a year and notify the owners/responsible parties about their maintenance deficiencies.
- The County stormwater management facilities' inventory gets updated at the beginning of each calendar year.
- All the new/existing stormwater management facilities are mapped/inspected on a GIS based software annually.
- The owners/responsible parties will get notified by receiving a copy of the inspection report.

# GIS Based Map

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STENNING WOODS

TWEEDS PARK

BASHER LN

HOCKESSIN ATHLETIC CENTER

20490 Hockessin Athletic Club 4

20488 Hockessin Athletic Club 2

20487 Hockessin Athletic Club 1

20489 Hockessin Athletic Club 3

FITNESS WAY

VALLEBROOK

109 108 107 106 105 103 101

64 660 54 50

X: -8428392.351, Y: 4833728.707



# 2020 SWM Inventory

- Total number of stormwater management facilities for 2020 annual inspections is 2,470
- 1712 Commercial/Industrial facilities
- 758 Residential facilities
- Facilities are such as: ponds, bioretention areas, biofiltration swales, constructed wetlands, green roofs, subsurface systems, filter strip and sand filters.

# After We Complete the Inspections

- Letters and inspection reports are mailed to owner/responsible party with a timeline for performing necessary maintenance.
- The owner/responsible party should complete all the items noted on the inspection report.
- Questions about inspection reports are directed to NCC, Department of Public Works, Stormwater Management Section.

# After You Received the Inspection Report

- Find a copy of the **Operation and Maintenance Plan** for the SWM facilities at your site.
- Find a copy of the **As-Built Plan** as well as the **Landscape Plan** for those SWM facilities.
- Hire a professional contractor who is familiar with this type of the work. It is our recommendation to obtain at least **3 different estimates** from different contractors before signing a contract.
- NCC, Dept. of Public Works can supply a **list of contractors** who have done similar work on stormwater management facilities.

# Major Repairs

- For performing any major repairs to the existing stormwater management facility at your site, you need to consult with NCC, Dept. of Public Works, for their review and approval process.
- **Examples: replacing any structural component of the facility/major sediment removal or changing the Landscaping incorporated in the facilities.**
- Plans must be reviewed and approved by NCC, Dept. of Public Works before you hire a professional contractor to start the project.

# During and After the Work is Completed

- Call our office if you have any question.
- Every job should be done within the timeframe noted on the inspection report. Make sure you communicate with our office if you need additional time.
- You must also notify our office when all the work is completed because communication is very important and can prevent issuing Violations.
- You can call/email the inspector on your inspection report to schedule a re-inspection within the noted timeframe.
- You can also Email the inspector photos of the completed work.

# Enforcement

- If the required maintenance isn't completed within the NCC timeframe on previous inspection report:
  - A “Notice of Violation” (NOV) and a “Correction Order” will be mailed to the owner or the responsible party. You have 10 days to submit to our office a plan of action and 30 days to complete the work.
  - If still no work is completed by the NOV deadline, a “Rule to Show Cause Hearing” will take place plus up to \$1,000 fine/day from the initial day of violation could be issued.

*Thank you*

