

The Mount Joy Township
Public Involvement and Participation
Program



Stormwater Management Program
MCM #2

February 22, 2021

Purpose: The Mount Joy Township Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP) sets forth a strategy to encourage the local citizenry to participate in the municipal stormwater management program development and implementation.

The PIPP is intended to satisfy Minimum Control Measure #2 of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. This is one of six MCMs established by the permit to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the regulated storm sewer system:

1. Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
- 2. Public Involvement/Participation**
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) in New and Re-Development Activities
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Public Feedback and Input

Mount Joy Township solicits feedback both virtually and in person through our website and at public meetings of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. Our Water Resources webpage highlights important information and provides public access to our pollution prevention efforts and stormwater management program documents. We have also increased our participation in local watershed-based initiatives and watershed groups. Partnering with organizations like the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance and having a seat at the table in collaborative efforts such as the Conewago Initiative and the Chiques-Conoy-Conewago Regional Partnership gives the Township a solid platform to contribute and receive important feedback.

Action Item: Maintain or increase the Township's involvement in local watershed groups and other outreach initiatives that amplify our reach to and from community stakeholders.

Municipal Involvement in Public Education Efforts

Aside from the 24/7 availability of relevant information on the Township website, in-person public input is a fundamental part of local government in general. All ordinances – such as the Stormwater Management Ordinance - are adopted in accordance with the public notification requirements of the PA Second Class Township Code. Our Pollution Reduction Plan and other MS4 program materials are developed and adopted with feedback gained through public meetings and other methods like email and phone conversations with citizens and local businesses.

Action Item: Continue to follow statutory procedures for the consideration and adoption of municipal ordinances, as well as broader-reaching feedback methods outside of the public meeting framework.

Public Involvement in Implementing the Stormwater Management Program

Mount Joy Township's Public Education and Outreach Program (MCM #1) lays out our distribution strategy for online and print media. Beginning in 2021, we will hold an update session at a Planning Commission and a Board of Supervisors meeting specific to SWMP implementation. As the Township moves forward with its pollution reduction projects, local leaders and citizens need to stay informed with the progress of stream restoration projects and other related initiatives.

Action Item: Hold a public update meeting at least once annually at the Township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings starting in 2021.

Action Item: Find additional opportunities to present Mount Joy Township's progress with SWMP implementation and water quality restoration projects.