Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance

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Mission Statement:

"The Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance is a coalition of government agencies and interested stakeholders providing leadership in the conservation, protection and enhancement of the water resources of Lebanon County."

LCCWA Participating Partners

Annville Township	Cornwall Borough	Jackson Township
Jonestown Borough	City of Lebanon	Millcreek Township
Myerstown Borough	N. Cornwall Township	N. Lebanon Township
N. Londonderry Township	Palmyra Borough	S. Annville Township
S. Lebanon Township	Swatara Township	W. Cornwall Township
S. Londonderry Township	W. Lebanon Township	Union Township
County of Lebanon	Lebanon County Conservation District	

The Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance was formed in January 2011 in an effort to address current and future Environmental Protection Agency and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requirements focused on cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay. On May 12, 2009, President Obama signed an Executive Order to clean up the Bay. As a result, state governments of the seven Bay jurisdictions -- Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia are mandated to reduce pollution loads flowing to the Bay. In Pennsylvania, urbanized area watersheds located in the Susquehanna River Basin are affected by the mandate.

What can I do if I live near a storm water inlet?

- Remember, <u>only water</u> goes into the inlet
- Keep inlet clear of leaves, grass and other debris
- Call the municipality if liquid is flowing in the inlet during dry weather periods
- Report anything other than water being put into an inlet



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4 Program)

The 1972 Federal Clean Water Act was amended in 1987 to require states to start a 2-phase implementation schedule that addresses pollution prevention and water quality measures for storm water management systems. Phase I began in 1992 with large (over 250,000) and medium (100,000-250,000) MS4s, as well as industrial sites being required to obtain permit coverage. Phase II has now been initiated for small (under 100,000) MS4s.

Small <u>M</u>unicipal <u>Separate Storm Sewer Systems</u> (**MS4s**) in urbanized areas that discharge storm water into surface waters (including intermittent streams and drainage channels) of Pennsylvania are required to have those discharges authorized by a <u>National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System</u> (**NPDES**) storm water permit. Lebanon County and 19 other municipalities within the County received notice to apply for coverage under NPDES General Permit PAG-13 as MS4s.

The township and borough MS4s are required to prepare a program for their entire municipality. The County MS4 is similar to a university, federal prison or other large employers, which is required to develop a program for the sites and employees of the MS4.

Federal regulations establish six categories of minimum control measures with specific annual goals and an implementation schedule. The six categories are:

- 1. Public Education and Outreach.
- 2. Public Participation and Involvement.
- 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.
- 4. Construction Site Runoff Control.
- 5. Post Construction Storm water Management.
- 6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operation and Maintenance.

For further information, please log on to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources storm water website at: <u>http://www.dep.state.pa.us.</u>