

Stormwater Management

The Town of Lancaster has storm sewers that are separate from sanitary sewers. This system is also called a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4. Stormwater discharges from the Town's system to rivers, lakes and other water bodies are regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). To facilitate compliance with the NYSDEC regulations, the Western New York Stormwater Coalition (WNYSC) was formed. The Town of Lancaster is one of the 43 MS4s in Erie and Niagara counties that are members of the WNYSC.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

As a requirement of the NYSDEC, the Town has adopted a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), which describes how the Town intends to comply with the regulations. Each year the Town submits an Annual Report to the NYSDEC, describing how the SWMP was implemented that year. These documents are available from the Town Clerk at the Lancaster Town Hall

Stormwater Management Program Plan

The Town's SWMP is supported by other components. Together they make up the Town's Stormwater Management Program Plan. These plan elements include local laws, stormwater outfall maps, and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) for construction project. The compilation of these elements serves to document the developed, planned, and implemented SWMP components. These components are described on the following page.

Local Laws

As part of the NYSDEC regulations, the Town has adopted two laws to prevent pollution to stormwater. These laws apply to the entire Town outside of the Villages of Lancaster and Depew. One law pertains to stormwater runoff from construction sites. Local Law number 2-2007 is described in two places in the Town Code found on this website. Chapter 42 (Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control) requires good practices be used on construction sites to prevent pollution of stormwater runoff. Chapter 50 (Zoning) Article IX (Stormwater Control) describes other requirements for construction projects.

The second local law prohibits illicit discharges, which are non stormwater discharges that are not allowed to the storm sewer system. Local Law number 3-2007 is found in Chapter 43 (Storm Sewers) Article 1 (Illicit Discharges, Activities And Connections) of the Town Code.

Comments

The public is invited to submit comments on general stormwater issues, illicit discharges, proposed design plans, or construction projects using the Comment/Complaint Form for Stormwater Management in the Town of Lancaster, available on a following page or from the Town Clerk at the Lancaster Town Hall. The forms may be submitted to the Town Engineer, Wm. Schutt & Associates, at their office at 37 Central Avenue in Lancaster.

Stormwater Management Program Plan

Plan Components:	Available from:
Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)	Town Clerk's office
Local Law 2-2007 ¹	Town Code Chapter 42, and Chapter 50 Article IX, available on the Town's website at: http://www.ecode360.com/?custId=LA0177 .
Local Law 3-2007 ²	Town Code Chapter 43 Article 1, available on the Town's website at: http://www.ecode360.com/?custId=LA0177 .
WNY Stormwater Coalition Outfall Locator	An interactive website map at: http://gis1.erie.gov/website/ENSSO/viewer.htm
Stormwater Management Webpage	The Town's webpage: http://www.erie.gov/lancaster/pdfs/stormwater_management.pdf
Submitted Construction Site SWPPPs	Town of Lancaster Building Inspector's office
SWPPP review letters and construction site inspection reports	Town Engineer ³
Inventory of post-construction stormwater management practices	Town Engineer ³

Notes:

- 1 Local Law 2-2007 (Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control) requires good practices be used on construction sites to prevent pollution of stormwater runoff.
- 2 Local Law 3-2007 (Illicit Discharges, Activities And Connections) prohibits illicit discharges to the Town's stormwater sewer system.
- 3 Town Engineer: Wm. Schutt & Associates; 37 Central Avenue; Lancaster, NY 14086; office hours: M-F, 8 am - 5 pm; Phone: 716-683-5961; Fax: 716-683-0169

Comment/Complaint Form for Stormwater Management in the Town of Lancaster

This form is for comments or complaints on general stormwater issues, or design or construction issues relating to stormwater.

Comment/Complaint on:

- Construction Project
- Proposed Design Plans
- Stormwater Management
- Illicit Discharges

Project and/or Contractor: _____

Location: _____

Comment /Complaint: _____

Comment/Complaint by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Return form to: Lancaster Town Engineer, Wm. Schutt & Associates, 37 Central Avenue,
Lancaster, NY

Following Section to be Completed by Town of Lancaster Representative:

Results of Investigation: _____

Action Taken: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____