

NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
Minimum Control Measure 2
Public Involvement/Participation

North Fayette Township
400 North Branch Road
Oakdale, Pennsylvania 15071

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Watersheds 20-F and 20-G
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Introduction

The goal of this plan is to implement a Public Involvement/Participation Program (PIPP) to encourage participation and involvement in the Township's Storm Water Management Program. The ultimate goal of the MS4 Program is to reduce, or if possible, prevent pollutant runoff from storm water. Participation and Involvement from the target audience is essential to the success of the storm water program as they are the largest contributors to storm water pollution and generation of storm water runoff. This plan will be updated as needed, and no less than once per year. The plan has input from all department heads, as every department contributes, in some form, to the program.

Per the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency (PADEP) NPDES Permit, there are 3 Best Management Practices (BMPs) that the Township must comply with.

BMP #1

Develop, implement and maintain a written Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP) which describes various types of possible participation activities and describes methods of encouraging the public's involvement and of soliciting the public's input.

This document shall serve as the written Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP). The PIPP was created by the Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Coordinator with the input of all department heads in the Township, as storm water involves the entire Township. This program is reviewed and updated as needed, but no less than once per year.

BMP #2

Prior to any proposed MS4 Storm Water Management Ordinance, provide opportunities for public comment, evaluate any public input and feedback, and document the comments received and the municipality's response.

North Fayette Township enacted and ordained Stormwater Ordinance No. 427. The adoption of the ordinance was advertised properly according to Municipal Planning Code (MPC) as well as the regulated newspaper provided to the immediate area. Advertisement was additionally advertised on the municipal website. Documentation of the advertisements can be found in the MS4 files located in the municipal building. The Township encourages the public to comment on the program as a whole and to participate in decision-making processes. The comments and concerns of the public is documented by being retained in the meeting minutes. The minutes that include storm water comments are available in the MS4 files located in the municipal building. The aforementioned documentation, including meeting minutes, storm water ordinances, and advertisements will be attached and included to the Periodic Report given to the PADEP. The Periodic Report is available for viewing at the municipal building in the MS4 files.

BMP #3

Regularly solicit public involvement and participation from the target audience groups. This includes an effort to solicit public reporting of suspected illicit discharges, assist the public in their efforts to help implement the Township's SWMP and conduct public meetings to discuss the on-going implementation of the Township's SWMP.

Public solicitation of participation and involvement of the target audience is achieved by multiple avenues in the Township. Avenues the Township uses, and has used in the past, includes public meetings, hands-on training sessions, and organized implementation efforts such as cleanups. Listed below are events the

Township was involved with pertaining to soliciting public involvement and participation.

Public Meetings: North Fayette Township conducts regular, monthly meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm and located at 400 North Branch Road Oakdale, PA 15071 unless otherwise noted. The Township values the public's input and encourages the public to help make storm water related decisions. All comments and concerns, including those pertaining to storm water, are documented in the meeting minutes. The minutes that involve storm water are located in the MS4 files, located in the municipal building. The public is given adequate notice of all regulated meetings held at the municipal building. The meetings are publicized through the newspaper and also on the municipal website.

Illicit Discharge Detection: Soliciting the public to detect and eliminate storm water pollution and runoff is essential to the success of the SWMP. All target audiences are strongly encouraged, by the Township, to report any illicit discharges to the MS4 that they detect. All municipal staff is trained on how to report illicit discharges and the procedure of receiving a complaint. The public can achieve this by utilizing the Illicit Discharge Reporting Form (Appendix A) located on the Township's website. This form can be filled out and returned to the Township for follow-up and correction of the illicit discharges. The same form is located at the municipal building and is available to the public that want to report an illicit discharge directly to the municipality either by calling or walking in. Once the complaint is received, it is forwarded to the Township Manager who directs the complaint to the appropriate staff, whether it be a Public Works representative, the police, or higher authority if necessary (i.e. Allegheny County Conservation District or PADEP). An informational door hanger will be given to the surrounding houses and businesses that have an illicit discharge. The door hangers depict the illicit discharge that was found in the area and who to contact for more information about illicit discharges. The issue will be fully documented of all actions taken from

the time it is received. The documentation is kept in the MS4 file and organized by the status of the complaint; new, open, or closed.

Cleanups: Every year, in April, North Fayette Township partners with Findlay Township and performs a road cleanup. The cleanup is advertised through the Township's website as well as the newsletter (Appendix B). Safety Vests, garbage bags, gloves and water are provided to the volunteers. Copies of the newsletter soliciting the public involvement will be kept in the MS4 files for viewing. North Fayette Township is also researching and planning to implement an Adopt – A – Road Program. Volunteers will sign a contract stating that they will clean a section of road so many times per year. The Township will be responsible for organizing the program, providing necessary equipment for duties, and collecting the trash once it is picked up.

Recycling: Also placed in the Township newsletter is the opportunity for the residents and business owners to recycle (Appendix C). The Township provides residents with recycling bins that can be picked up weekly along with a description of what items can be recycled.

Yard Waste: Residents are encouraged to have the Township dispose of their yard waste properly. In the Township's newsletter, it is advertised that residents can place yard clippings, as well as branches, on curbside and the Township will pick it up weekly, in the spring (Appendix D). Another item that the Township encourages to be recycled properly is Electronic Waste (E Waste). The Township provides the residents an avenue to properly dispose of their electronic waste, which is advertised on the newsletter (Appendix D).

Educational Seminar: North Fayette Township partnered with Findlay Township, Moon Township, South Fayette Township, and Collier Township to take an innovative approach to storm water management. In September of 2015, a seminar with regard to storm water pollution was held at the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden.

These seminars are planned to continue throughout the coming years for any resident of these townships to attend. The seminar was depicted in the “Allegheny West Magazine” (Appendix E).

Scout Groups: It is planned that North Fayette Township will solicit participation from local Boy/Girl Scouts to stencil the storm sewers located in the Township. The Township may also consider having the scouts mark the outfalls by their number. Any participation from the scouts in association with the storm water program, will be documented and located in the MS4 files.

Montour Run Watershed Association (MRWA): Montour Run located in North Fayette, Findlay, Robinson, and Coraopolis was considered a “dead” stream in the past but due to the efforts of the MRWA, the stream is now viable and vibrant. The association is working to place an Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) treatment station in the municipality. The watershed association also plans to conduct volunteer booths at future municipal events to inform the public about the importance of water quality. A description of the MRWA can be found in the October/November 2015 issue of “Allegheny West Magazine” (Appendix F).

ASSET: The Township has collaborated with ASSET in the preparation and development for a storm water summer playground program for children. Once the program is implemented, documentation will be kept of the activities and placed in the MS4 file located in the municipal building. North Fayette plans to continue to work with ASSET in developing quality programs for storm water education to children (Appendix G).

APPENDIX A



APPENDIX B