The 2022-2023 MS4 Report, as required by NYSDEC for reporting on activities required under and relevant to the Village's MS4 permit, is available for public review. To learn how the Village is addressing the measures identified below (MCMs), check out our annual report. Annual Report

Village of Waterford Stormwater Management Program at a Glance

stormwater (noun): water resulting from a precipitation event

The Village of Waterford has been designated, by state and federal environmental agencies, as what is called an "MS4." This stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, and means that the Village is recognized as an entity with potential to contribute to stormwater pollution. This designation was based on our proximity to an urbanized area as well as population density.

Within the boundaries of the Village of Waterford are many wetlands, the Erie and Champlain Canals and the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. Parts of The Town of Waterford fall within the Village, and operates under a separate stormwater program.

We are one of nearly 7,000 MS4s across the country, all of which are required to comply with 6 categories to prevent and mitigate stormwater pollution. Over the years since receiving our mandated designation, we have been working hard to design and implement a Village-wide program in accordance with the permit that we are required to operate under.

We created this website for improved transparency as well as to provide the information and resources our residents, businesses and developers need to ensure compliance. Several of the measures described below are executed in partnership with the Saratoga County Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Program. **View Our Stormwater Management Plan**

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Measures

Called "Minimum Control Measures" or MCMs

These are the 6 categories we are required to comply with under our State-issued stormwater discharge permit. See each measure for more information.

Public Education Minimum Control Measure 1 of 6

With this initiative, our goal is to provide education about our program and stormwater pollution prevention to those living, doing business, and developing in our Village. With access to the right resources, people can become empowered by their own abilities and contribute to pollution prevention in their communities. Learn more below.

What You Can Do

Public Involvement and Participation Minimum Control Measure 2 of 6

Within the Village's mission to prevent and mitigate pollution of our local waters, we strive to find new strategies for including the public. From reviewing our annual report to notifying us of illegal dumping and participating in recycling days, you can play a vital role in the Village's program. See our upcoming stormwater program events below.

Annual Stormwater Report

Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Minimum Control Measure 3 of 6

An "illicit discharge" is anything entering or leaving our stormwater conveyance system (culverts, catch basins, drainage ditches, etc) that is not comprised entirely of stormwater. Examples include sewer cross connections, car washing water, radiator fluid, motor oil, household chemicals and paint, and potentially illegal dumping. This measure requires the Village to inspect catch basins and stormwater conveyance systems, educate the public and provide a way for the public to report a suspected illicit discharge, and enforce a law to prohibit and issue fines for creating an illicit discharge.

Illegal Discharge Law, Illegal Dumping Law

Anonymously Report a Suspected Illicit Discharge: Include

Address/location of discharge Type of illicit discharge suspected

Your name and address/ Optional and Confidential

Send to: **Village of Waterford 65 Broad Street, Waterford NY 12188**

Email: Rvillage@nycap.rr.com

Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control Minimum Control Measure 4 of 6

Runoff is rainwater or snow melt that does not soak into the ground and, instead, flows over hard surfaces like pavement, rooftops, compacted dirt, sidewalks, driveways, and more. The Village must require any construction site that disturbs one acre or more to obtain a permit from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. As part of that, developers need to create a comprehensive plan for preventing stormwater pollution as well as treating increases in stormwater runoff from their project. The Village is responsible for reviewing and approving these plans, inspecting active sites, and enforcing a law to ensure these measures are followed by developers and construction site operators.

Erosion Control Law

Creating a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Post-Construction Stormwater Management Minimum Control Measure 5 of 6

Stormwater management systems that are installed in the Village under minimum control measure 4 (like rain gardens, stormwater ponds, pervious pavement and other measures) need to be inventoried, inspected, and maintained. The Village was also required to pass a law governing this measure. In addition, performance and maintenance guarantees need to be in place per section 142-7 of the law linked below.

Erosion Control Law

Good Housekeeping/Pollution Prevention Minimum Control Measure 6 of 6

This measure requires the Village to review, and modify as necessary, municipal operations and facilities to ensure the Village's activities do not contribute pollutants to the stormwater system and receiving waters. It also requires the Village to participate in stormwater and green infrastructure training as well as report on use of pesticides and fertilizer. Street sweeping and catch basin (storm grates and the underlying collection system) cleaning activities also must be reported in the Village's Annual Report. The Village's best management practices (methods the Village undergoes to do the best they can to prevent stormwater pollution) are outlined in a "Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention Plan".

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention Plan

Stormwater Management Program Plan

Resources for Businesses, Developers & Contractors

Bars & Restaurants
From dumpsters to dish water and food grease to mop water, restaurants can play a major role in clean water.

Auto Repair
Spills, sweeping, and storage can have a significant impact on stormwater.

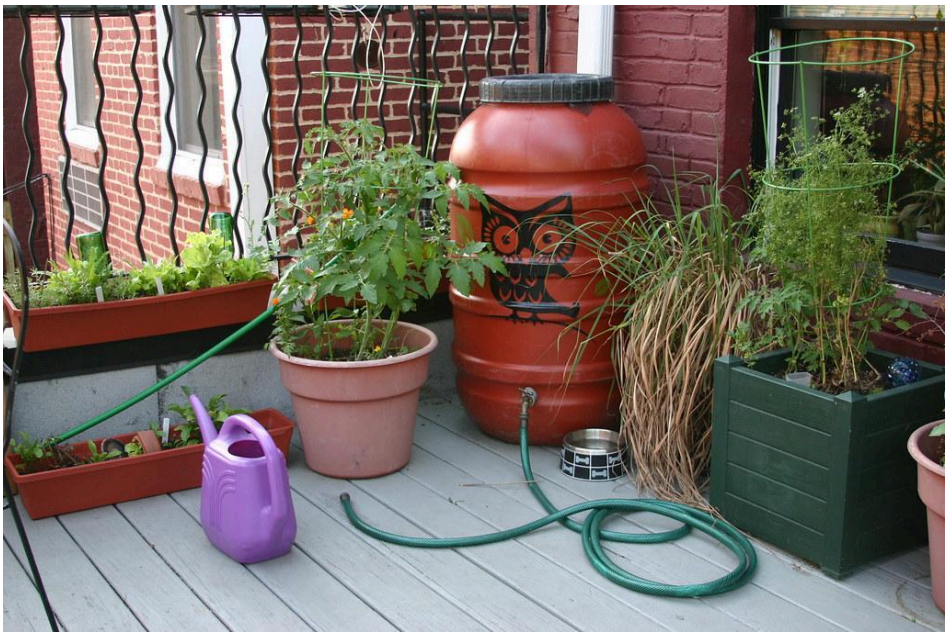
Landscapers
Clippings, fertilizers, bare soil, and pesticides require proper management to prevent pollution.

Developers
Low impact development and green infrastructure are encouraged under the State's stormwater permit.

Contractors
From required stormwater training to erosion & sediment control and the site's SWPPP, your role is important!

Youth Educators
Day camps, after school programs, and home schooling present opportunities to educate about stormwater.

Do you have an area where water ponds in your lawn, or do you want to help treat water from your roof gutter? Plant a rain garden!



If you're digging up dirt on your property, make sure you keep it from leaving. Dirt clogs storm drains and increases incidences of flooding.

Don't Dump

The Town of Waterford hosts residential solid waste drop-off days! This includes collection of household appliances and mattresses. April-October Contact our stormwater team 518-235-9898.