



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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What does MS4 mean?

Happy New Year from the Goshen Stormwater Department and welcome to all the new City employees. Let's begin 2017 with a stormwater refresher, by explaining why the City of Goshen is considered a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or MS4. An MS4 is defined by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) as "a conveyance or a system of conveyances owned by a state, city, town, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the United States and is designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water." But, the term

MS4 does not solely refer to municipally-owned storm sewer systems, but rather is a term with a much broader application that can include, in addition to local jurisdictions, state departments of transportation, universities, local sewer districts, hospitals, military bases, and prisons. An MS4 is not always just a system of underground pipes; it can include roads with drainage systems, gutters, and ditches.

In Indiana, MS4s are cities and urbanized areas with a population density of 10,000 or more, but less than 100,000 and must meet the requirements of Rule 13 (327 IAC 15-13). The requirements include six minimum control measures (MCMs). To find out more about these six MCMs, stormwater, and the Goshen Stormwater Department you can visit our website at www.goshenindiana.org/stormwater-management. There you can read up on current stormwater news articles, check out the stormwater ordinances, find out more about each MCM, watch stormwater videos, and much more. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact Jason Kauffman.



Rock Run Creek looking east from the Indiana Avenue bridge just north of Wilden Avenue.

If you love taking photographs of nature you may be interested in the opportunity to have your picture in the 2018-2019 Elkhart County Waters Calendar. Submit your photos (limit 12) to the Elkhart County SWCD by May 22nd in a JPEG format (300 dpi. 11" x 8 1/2"). For more information contact Jordan Beehler at 574-533-4383, ext. 3 or jordan.beehler@in.nacdnet.net.

We are looking for photos of recreation along Elkhart County's waterways, local wildlife, stormwater control practices (e.g. rain barrels, rain gardens, or pervious pavement), agriculture conservation practices, and scenic shots of our local waterways. Photos from all four seasons are appreciated.



A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

The Great Stormwater Hunt of 2016

A BIG thank you to all of the City employees who called or emailed the Stormwater Department about illicit discharges or sediment/mud on the road this year. With your help, **40** incidents were identified and addressed. Keep watching out for potential issues and call the Stormwater Department or email Jason Kauffman when you see something that doesn't look quite right. It is appreciated and you might just be selected as the **Stormwater Hunter of the Year**.

The **2016 Stormwater Hunter of the Year** is: **John Hutsell** of the Utilities Department. On April 22nd John observed drywall washwater dumped on the ground at a new home construction site (see picture to the right) and called the Stormwater Department. John's call allowed the Stormwater Department to talk with the builder about proper disposal methods for materials on a construction site. Thank you John and Congratulations!



John Hutsell, Water Distribution/Sewer Maintenance Supervisor (L) and Jason Kauffman, Stormwater Coordinator (R). John received a \$100 certificate to Venturi in recognition of his effort.

Help Keep Street Drains Flowing

Storm drains cannot function properly when their grates are clogged with leaves, ice, and snow. A blocked drain can lead to flooding and other safety issues like ice. If you have a storm drain near your home or business, please clear away any debris, ice, or snow from the catch basin grates. The City appreciates your help in keeping the storm sewer system working.

If a storm drain still does not drain, contact the Stormwater Department at 574-534-2201 and we will send someone to help.



Report an Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge is anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see something that doesn't look right please call 574-534-2201, send an email to jasonkauffman@gohsencity.com, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City of Goshen's "Report an Issue" button in the upper corner of the City's website (www.goshenindiana.org).