



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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A Year in Review and a Preview of the Year to Come

Over the past year much has happened in the world of Stormwater both locally and globally. **Debris Removed.** Over the past year the two (2) Goshen Street Department street sweepers removed 3,735 tons of material from our streets, because sediment is a major pollutant in our waterways and the impacts of roadway salt on our local waterways is even better understood than it once was (bit.ly/SaltImpact).



Salt Crystals



Rock Run Creek at Wilden Avenue Bridge

Debris Captured. The Goshen Utility Department removed 208 tons of material from our storm drains by the end of November and two (2) stormwater treatment units were installed this year to help remove sediment, trash, and oil from stormwater runoff before it reaches one of our local waterways. This year the impact of plastic pollution and microplastics in our local and global waterbodies has become even more well known (bit.ly/stormwaterplastic and www.plasticoceans.org).



Trash in a Stormwater Treatment Unit on Crescent Street



Trash and Algae on the Elkhart River

All pictures in this newsletter were taken within the City of Goshen, except the Stormwater Calendar picture which comes from a county road in Elkhart County.



A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Trees Planted. The Goshen Parks and Recreation Department planted 559 trees, which helps reduce stormwater runoff by catching rainwater before it reaches the ground. People are coming to realize the importance of tree canopies (bit.ly/stormwater-treecanopies) and an easy way for you to help reduce stormwater pollution in your neighborhood is to plant one.



Public Education. The Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership released their sixth Stormwater Calendar and copies can still be picked up at City Offices.

Employee Reports. City employees have observed and reported 55 incidents where an illicit discharge had occurred or where mud had been tracked off of a construction site. The picture to the right is of a diesel fuel spill that ran into a storm drain.



Community Involvement. We joined with the community in painting rocks and hiding them throughout our community, #goshenrocks. By the way, if you have any of the rocks shown to the left, bring them to the Goshen Stormwater Department for a prize!



In the Year to Come. For 2018, the Goshen Street Department will continue to sweep Goshen's streets to keep sand, salt, and other debris from entering our local waterways. Goshen's Utility Department will continue to clean out storm drains so they function correctly, both to allow stormwater runoff to drain off of our streets and so sediment and other debris are captured. Goshen's Parks and Recreation Department will continue to manage our urban forest and plant new trees. And the Goshen Stormwater Department will continue to work with City employees and residents to make sure the only thing that flows down the drain is rain.



The Goshen Stormwater Department would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Peace to All!