

STORMWATER TOOLBOX



The City of Goshen has a **Stormwater Department** housed within the Engineering Department and there are two employees: Dustin Sailor, Stormwater Superintendent, and Jason Kauffman, Stormwater Coordinator.

Dustin's work includes planning, designing, and managing the construction of stormwater infrastructure projects throughout the City, along with his other job as Utilities Engineer for the City.

Jason's work includes managing the day to day aspects of the City of Goshen's MS4 program (MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), which has been put in place to comply with the Phase II requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, which is part of the Clean Water Act's and Indiana's stormwater general permit. There are six areas Jason focuses on and they are 1) public education, 2) public involvement, 3) illicit discharge detection and elimination, 4) erosion and sediment control on construction sites, 5) post-construction stormwater issues, and 6) pollution prevention and good housekeeping operations at municipal facilities.

The Stormwater Department's **main goal** is to educate people and help them understand that only rain goes down the storm drain since they have a direct connection to our local waterways and the runoff is untreated. Any other material (e.g. oil, grass clippings, concrete washout, etc.) must be disposed of in other ways that will not have an impact on water quality.

THE GREAT STORMWATER HUNT

The Stormwater Department is tasked with identifying and eliminating illicit discharges to the City storm sewer system and over the past year paint, oil, diesel fuel, and other pollutants have been kept out of the City's storm sewer system because of City employees. Today the Stormwater Department is requesting the help of all City employees to improve the quality of the stormwater flowing into our local waterways by keeping an eye out for situations that could lead to stormwater pollution. Everyday many of you find yourself working in different parts of the City where you might see situations like:

- ❖ Oil sheens on the surface of water,
- ❖ Concrete washout/white residue on the ground,
- ❖ Grease marks/stains around catch basins,
- ❖ Discolored water in waterways,
- ❖ Unknown materials on the pavement or soil,
- ❖ Dirt/sediment being tracked or washed onto the road,
- ❖ People pouring or washing liquids down storm drains, or
- ❖ Any other situation where you think a potential pollutant could come into contact with stormwater.



If you come across one of these situations please contact Jason Kauffman directly at 574-537-3832 or jasonkauffman@goshencity.com. If you cannot reach Jason please call the Engineering Department at 574-534-2201. For each documented report, the reporting employee's name will be entered into a year-end drawing for a prize as a thank you for being additional eyes for the Stormwater Department.

“High quality water is more than the dream of conservationists, more than a political slogan; high quality water, in the right quantity at the right place at the right time, is essential to health, recreation, and economic growth.”

— Richard Bangs