



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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Legislative Wins for Clean Water

In the past two months, two bipartisan pieces of legislation have been signed into law. On December 20, 2018, the new Farm Bill (the *Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018* (H.R. 2)) became law and provides tools for farmers and water utilities to work together to address water quality issues at a watershed level. On January 14, 2019, the *Water Infrastructure*

Improvement Act of 2018 (H.R. 7279) became law and marks one of the most significant and substantive changes to the Clean Water Act in decades. Among many things, this new addition to the CWA allows for the use of green infrastructure to help reduce stormwater pollution and combined sewer overflow events.



For more information see the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) analysis of these two pieces of legislation: www.bit.ly/2ShMV9p.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind...or is it?



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When stormwater runoff goes down the drain it doesn't just *go away*, instead, it goes *somewhere*. Typically that *somewhere* is a local waterway where all the pollutants the stormwater runoff picked up gets dumped (pictured below). Occasionally, stormwater runoff goes through a stormwater treatment unit and pollutants get captured (pictured to the left), while other times it

may go to the wastewater treatment plant. However, no matter where the stormwater runoff goes, it never goes away and someone, somewhere, has to deal with it.

Be a part of the solution and prevent pollution.





A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Illicit Discharges of 2018

In 2018, there were **10 illicit discharges** identified in the City of Goshen. What is an Illicit Discharge? An illicit discharge is anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. Things to look for are:

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Any other situation where you think a potential pollutant could come into contact with stormwater

If you see any of the above make sure you report it:

Call: 574-537-3832 or 574-534-2201

Email: jasonkauffman@goshencity.com

Click: Report an Issue Button at the top of the City Website or www.goshenindiana.org/report-an-issue

Questions or Comments

If you have any questions or comments about stormwater, pollution prevention and good housekeeping, or something you would like to see in the Stormwater Toolbox Newsletter please contact Jason Kauffman. We all learn together and your thoughts, questions, and comments are appreciated.



Horse manure and trash collecting on a storm drain that flows directly to Horn Ditch.



A clogged sanitary sewer pipe caused sewage (gray colored water) to overflow from a detention basin, shown here, into Leedy Ditch.



Motor oil dumped into a storm drain along a residential street. Here you see an oil-only absorbent boom used to remove the motor oil.