

A Drop of News

The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

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'Tis the Season for Giving Thanks



This year, we're thankful for the City of Goshen. So many wonderful employees work for the city and help in the effort of keeping our waterways clean. The Goshen Street Department has street sweepers that clean the roadways. Removing debris before it can enter a storm drain is the first line of defense for pollution prevention. When pollutants enter storm drains, a special storm drain called a catch basin traps debris and prevents it from flowing into the waterways. The City of Goshen's Water & Sewer Department uses vactor trucks to clean out these catch basins. They can then dispose of the sediment safely before it enters a waterway. Sediment is not the only worry when it comes to storm

drains. Other pollutants can be easily spilled and enter a waterway through a storm drain. Don't worry, the City of Goshen's first responders have it handled. Fully equipped with everything they need, first responders are trained to manage the spills of harmful materials and stop them before they enter our waterways. Not only do these employees play crucial roles in stormwater pollution prevention, but other employees have played a major part in reporting potential stormwater problems. In 2022, City of Goshen employees reported 18 different stormwater problems. Six of these problems were illicit discharges that would have reached our local waterways if nobody called them in. Their due diligence has been helpful to the Stormwater Department, and for that, we are truly thankful.



A street sweeper operated by the City of Goshen's Street Department.



City of Goshen Sewer Department cleaning out a storm drain with a vactor truck.



City of Goshen First Responders seen cleaning up spilled transmission fluid.



MCM Tour

Minimum Control Measure: Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff

To meet the requirements of the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Goshen's Stormwater Department works alongside members of the community to help keep stormwater features both performing well and looking beautiful. Stormwater measures that need to be taken care of after construction is completed (post-construction) are:

- Storm drains gather pollutants and prevent them from entering waterways. They are regularly cleaned to removed pollutants for safe disposal. (photo 1)
- Stormwater basins are designed to give water a place to go. They need regularly maintained to drain correctly. (photo 2)
- Two-stage ditches, such as Horn Ditch, protect against flooding. Keeping it free from trash and debris is essential in times of high water. (photo 3)



Report a Pollutant

Stormwater pollutants include anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see a pollutant entering a storm drain, please call 574-534-2201, send an email to stormwater@goshencity.com, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City's "Report an Issue" button on the City of Goshen website, www.goshenindiana.org.

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