

Scott Township Board of Commissioners

Annual MS4 Update

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

- **Permit Overview – NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small MS4s**

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) - Permit applies to stormwater infrastructure that is:
 - Used for collecting and/or conveying stormwater
 - Owned by a municipality or any other public body
 - Not used as a combined sewer
 - Not part of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (i.e. sewage treatment plant)
- NPDES MS4 Permit authorizes discharge of stormwater from the MS4 to Waters of the Commonwealth
- NPDES MS4 Permit issued by PADEP in Pennsylvania. The program is administered nationally by EPA.
- Primary goal of the permit: Protecting water quality and limiting stormwater pollution

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● Annual MS4 Tasks

- Update and Implement Stormwater Management Program (Written Plan) addressing each MCM:
 - MCM #1 - Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
 - MCM #2 - Public Involvement/Participation
 - MCM #3 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
 - MCM #4 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
 - MCM #5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) in New and Re-Development Activities
 - MCM #6 - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping
- The Stormwater Management Program must:
 - Reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable,
 - Protect water quality, and
 - Satisfy appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law

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● Annual Reports

- Due September 30 of each year
- Self reporting on progress made for each MCM, along with PRP and PCM progress
- \$500 renewal fee due annually

● DEP or EPA Inspections

- DEP Inspects each permittee at least once every 5 years
- Inspections for 2018 Permit are underway (completed in 2026)
 - Office Review - Thorough review of written plans and documentation of compliance with required Minimum Control Measures. Documentation of all MS4 related activities (event flyers, distributed materials, work logs, complaint resolution tracking, outfall screening etc.)
 - Field Review – Evaluation of municipal facilities including Public Works yard, garage, salt storage and other facilities. Field review of BMPs and outfalls

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- **Pollutant Reduction Plans (PRPs) were developed in 2017 and submitted to PADEP to meet the following requirements:**
 - The following reductions must be achieved within 5 years of permit issuance (March 2023 for General Permits):
 - Achieve 10% reduction in pollutant loading of sediment
 - Achieve 5% reduction in pollutant loading of total phosphorus
- **Each Annual Report to include documentation and supporting calculations for reductions achieved through implementation of the Pollutant Reduction Plan.**
- **PRPs approved by PADEP established:**
 - Total pollutant loading required to be addressed in permit term
 - Potential BMPs to be constructed to achieve required pollutant reduction goals.

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- **BMPs identified in the Pollutant Reduction Plan must be constructed and the required pollutant reduction achieved by March 2023**
- **Municipal budget for each year must include funds for:**
 - Final Design of BMPs
 - Acquisition of property, as needed for BMP construction
 - Construction costs for installation of new BMPs or retrofit of existing BMPs, including bidding costs if constructed by a contractor
 - Annual maintenance of all BMPs
- **PADEP has been reviewing submitted PRP documentation and issuing acceptance/deficiency letters for PRPS that have either been completed or are outstanding**

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- **Structural BMPs – Extended Detention/Infiltration/Filtration Basin – New Construction or Retrofit of existing facilities**
 - Complete Remaining PRP Projects
 - Phase 1 Completed: Hope Street, Green Commons, and Spinner Field Detention Facilities
 - Phase 2 Completed: Neville Detention Facility and Cherrydell Stream Restoration
 - Phase 3 to be bid Fall 2026: Scrubgrass Stream Restoration, Sillview Detention Facility

MS4s – PERMIT – WHAT'S NEXT?

- **PADEP Has Issued Draft Permit Regulations in January 2025**
 - Public Comment Period closed March 19, 2025
- **PADEP Has Confirmed that there will be NO NOI/Permit Renewal Submittal in 2026**
- **Anticipate Final Draft Permit to be released end of 2026 / early 2027 for 2027 NOI Submittal**
 - Six Minimum Control Measure Requirements generally remain the same
 - Pollutant Control Measures (PCMs) no longer required
 - New Stormwater Model Ordinance is expected to be adopted within the next Permit Term
 - PRP is being replaced with Volume Management Plan (VMP)
 - Focus on Volume detained rather than Pollutant Reduction (Sediment)

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