

## **Monroe County Stormwater Coalition**

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**Members:** The Monroe County Stormwater coalition is made up of representatives local governments who operate small municipal separate storm sewer systems who will or may be required to meet the Phase II Federal Stormwater Regulations.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition is to identify and analyze options for pooling resources to:

- 1) meet the requirements that will be placed on small municipal separate storm sewer system operators in 2003 and
- 2) protect and/or improve the water quality of local waterways in accordance with State, County, and local water quality planning documents and policies.

**Duration:** The Stormwater Coalition began its work in November of 2000 and will complete it no later than March 2003.

### **Completed Coalition Activities:**

1. All members learned about each of the 6 minimum requirement components.
2. All municipalities agreed to sign an intermunicipal agreement to formalize the Stormwater Coalition with the purposes as outlined above.
3. A summary of regulation requirements, ongoing activities that will meet regulation requirements, and a list of gaps that must be filled to meet the new regulations has been prepared.
4. A GIS Subcommittee has prepared recommended standards for submission of plans in electronic format and has prepared recommended and optional stormwater features that should be shown on plans.

### **Next Key Steps:**

1. Agree on and endorse a strategy to seek permit coverage and develop and implement Phase II stormwater program.
2. Develop a workplan to implement permit coverage strategy.
3. Determine which additional information on options and their pros and cons can be sought and summarized by Coalition members.
4. Identify program funding needs and develop a plan to fund programs.
5. Obtain permit coverage individually or jointly.

### **The 6 components**

1. **Public education and outreach on stormwater impacts:** Enlisting the public in stormwater pollution reduction efforts and educating them on impacts of and solutions to stormwater pollution.
2. **Public involvement and participation:** Including the public in the planning phase and developing programs that allow for direct participation in pollution prevention activities.
3. **Illicit discharge detection and removal:** Developing and enforcing a program to detect and eliminate illegal connections to storm sewer systems. This includes mapping outfalls and receiving waters and educating employees, the general public and businesses.
4. **Construction site stormwater runoff control:** Developing and enforcing programs that control erosion and sedimentation.
5. **Post-construction stormwater runoff controls:** Developing and enforcing local ordinances and permits to control new development and redevelopment, and long-term maintenance of all stormwater facilities—even the ones not operated by the MS4.
6. **Pollution Prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations:** Developing internal programs to train employees and establishing practices that will prevent or reduce pollutant runoff from municipal operations such as fleet and facility maintenance.

