

MCM #2 - Public Involvement / Participation

The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program

This factsheet is part of our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) series.

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There are 3 Best Management Practices (BMPs) required under this MCM. Learn more about their requirements and resources to help meet these requirements below.

BMP #1

Develop, implement, and maintain a written Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP) which describes various types of possible participation activities and describes methods of encouraging the public's involvement and of soliciting the public's input. PIPP should include, at a minimum: 1) opportunities for the public to participate in your SWMP; 2) regular communication methods to organizations such as watershed groups, environmental advisory committees, etc.; and 3) making MS4 reports available to the public. The PIPP should be reevaluated annually.



BMP #2

Advertise to the public and solicit public input on the following documents prior to adoption or submission to DEP: Stormwater Management Ordinances (for municipalities), Standard Operating Procedures (for non-municipal entities), and Pollutant Reduction Plants (PRPs). Public comments that are received should be documented and a response should be given.



Getting the public involved through stream cleanups or riparian buffer plantings is a great way to achieve multiple water quality goals, including: educating and engaging the public, removing trash from local waterways, and meeting some requirements of MCM#2.

BMP #3

Regularly solicit public involvement and participation from the target audience groups using available distribution and outreach methods. This should include an effort to solicit public reporting of suspected illicit discharges. Assist the public in their efforts to help implement your SWMP. Conduct public meetings to discuss the ongoing implementation of your SWMP. Make sure to document these activities..

Public Involvement and Participation

is one of the 6 Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) required under the MS4 program. The goal of the Public Involvement/ Participation MCM is to facilitate successful implementation of your Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) through a number of means, including: garnering broad public support; utilizing expertise and local knowledge; shortening implementation schedules; and building partnerships with other community and government programs.



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