
EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION PLAN (PIPP) (MCM#2)

Background

As part of Minimum Control Measure (MCM) #2 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, the Township will put into place a Public Involvement and Participation Plan (BMP#1). This Plan includes various types of possible participation activities and encourages the public's involvement and the solicitation of the public's input.

- 1) A Public Awareness Meeting will be held once a year in conjunction with a Township Board of Supervisors Meeting. This meeting will educate the Supervisors and the public through a presentation detailing the MS4 program, the minimum control measures, and Township initiatives to maintain permit compliance. The dates of the Public Awareness meeting along with the meeting agenda will be advertised on the Township website.

The Public Awareness Meeting in Year 1 of the permit will describe this plan and solicit input from the public. The public shall be included in developing, implementing, and reviewing the stormwater management program. The public participation process will make every effort to reach out and engage all economic and ethnic groups.

- 2) The Township will provide opportunities for members of the public to participate in program development and implementation by enabling them to:
 - a) Work as citizen volunteers to educate other individuals about the program;
 - b) Assist in program coordination with other pre-existing programs;
 - c) Participate in volunteer monitoring efforts where those opportunities exist; and
 - d) Attend public meetings

Existing watershed groups will be utilized to the greatest extent to meet the Township's goals and obligations.

- 3) The Township will encourage public participation by utilizing a tracking system to monitor any information/complaints received by the public which pertain to stormwater management, illicit discharges, polluted construction runoff, and concerns about the storm sewer system. The tracking system consists of a spreadsheet with the content to be filled in as provided by the public. The content will pertain to the date of the complaint, name and contact of the complainant, location of said complaint, construction project name, incident type, action taken to resolve the incident/complaint, and the municipal employee initiating the follow-up action.

- 4) Prior to the adoption of any ordinance required by the MS4 Permit, adequate public notice will be given as well as opportunities for public review, input, and feedback.
- 5) The Township will make periodic MS4 reports available to the public at the municipal office through the Assistant Township Manager.