

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

6:45 P.M.

Purpose of the Meeting	The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with a general overview of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), which is a yearly MS4 requirement.
Introduction	Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. MS4 means that the Township's storm sewer system is separate from the sanitary sewer system. The purpose of MS4 is to maintain the integrity of the freshwater system which has been negatively impacted by runoff, pesticides, flooding, and other types of pollutants. MS4 was established in 2008 as a mandate from DEP, which has become progressively more restrictive and expensive. A number of benchmarks must be met by the Township by certain deadlines.
What has the Township Done to Comply with MS4?	<p>Mrs. Fosbaugh discussed some of the major issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mapping the storm sewers under GIS using the ESRI software system, which is the software that is used across the engineering field. The Township has an employee dedicated to this task. The Township has also participated in the LGA municipal intern program to hire college students with a similar field of study to assist;- Field mapping throughout the year of any new additions to the infrastructure network;- In 2020, the stormwater retention ponds for which the Township is responsible were mapped. Retention ponds hold back water and release it slowly to prevent flooding and to prevent the storm sewer system from becoming overloaded. In 2021, the Township began mapping the private stormwater retention ponds. It is anticipated that the parties responsible for the upkeep of the private ponds will be contacted and advised and educated as to their responsibilities.- The Township will continue to map the stormwater inlets and enter the rating of each – meaning whether or not maintenance is needed – into the ESRI system. The inlets are the most important component of any stormwater system because they direct the stormwater into the correct location. The ratings are provided to the Public Works Director who determines what inlets will need

repaired.

- Adopted the stormwater management ordinance in 2019 to comply with state requirements. The requirements also affect construction activities, depending upon the size of the project, and have been incorporated into building projects.

- Working with Allegheny County concerning the construction of retention ponds on Allegheny County Park property to control flooding in the Broughton area. This has been a lengthy project, and we are hopefully nearing the end.

- Education is critical to the success of the program. The MS4 report is presented each month during the public meeting, an annual informational meeting is scheduled, and municipal employees are also trained annually.

What can the residents do?

Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that there are a number of ways that homeowners can assist in effectively managing stormwater, such as:

- Clean up after your pets to prevent animal waste from reaching the storm sewer system.

- Direct stormwater to grassy areas, a mulch bed, or a rain garden.

- Implement a rain barrel to recycle water for gardens and other outdoor activities.

- Plant more trees, shrubs and mulch bed that will intercept the infiltration of rainwater.

- If washing your car, do it in the grass area to allow for infiltration.

- Consider using phosphorous-free fertilizers.

Assessing Stormwater on Your Property

Mrs. Fosbaugh informed the audience that there is a stand in the Administration Lobby for the public dedicated to MS4. Residents can visit the Township website where there are links referencing MS4.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public audience.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Lucot to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 6:55 p.m.

