

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Introduction

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that MS4 was originally adopted and enacted in 2003 by DEP and has become increasingly more expensive and restrictive to all municipalities. MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, which means the storm and sanitary sewer systems are separate and distinct and are not combined. The purpose of the MS4 mandate is to assist in protecting the integrity of the freshwater system, and to more efficiently manage stormwater. Managing stormwater is important because there are areas of impervious surface, meaning pavement and concrete, along with flooding concerns. In previous years, there has been damage due to flooding, particularly in the Broughton area of the Township.

Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that a monthly MS4 report is given at each Board of Supervisors meeting. One of the requirements of the MS4 mandate is public education. There is an MS4 display in the Administration Building Lobby that provides information to the public.

Stormwater Management Grant

- The Township has applied for a \$500,000.00 Stormwater Management Grant with the assistance of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to alleviate flooding issues in the Broughton area. Currently the permit is under consideration with the DEP, with questions being addressed by Gateway Engineers.

Routine Activities

- A part-time employee collects litter to prevent trash from impacting the functionality of the inlets, which prevents stormwater from properly draining into the system.

- The Township's Road Paving Program includes properly crowned roads. Crowning means the road enables the storm water to drain appropriately to the storm water inlet.

- The Township maintains, monitors and routinely tests approximately 106 outfalls. Outfalls are the pipes that drain freshwater into the creeks.

- The Township also monitors and repairs deteriorating catch basins. There is a rating system that re-evaluates these basins every year, determining if action is needed immediately, later in the season, or possibly the next year.

What you can do:

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

- Clean up after your pets to prevent animal waste from draining into the freshwater supply.

- Limit the application of chemicals on your lawn or use earth friendly applications. Do not over fertilize your property.

- Wash vehicles in the grass to prevent soap and other chemicals from reaching the freshwater supply.

- Report issues and problems, such as a collapsing storm system grate, or a catch basin issue, to the Township. Public Works will then be aware to inspect and address the problem area.

- A Stormwater Management ordinance was enacted by Pennsylvania which the Township adopted. For example, if you are adding an addition to your home, or a similar structure, you must comply with increasingly more stringent stormwater management procedures to help prevent water from entering into the storm sewer system. The ordinance provides standards that apply for residential and commercial projects.

- Implement a rain barrel to collect rainwater for flower and vegetable gardens, and other outdoor activities.

- Never dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes like paint, or cleaning supplies, by pouring them down a drain. The Township hosts Recycling events where residents can dispose of these materials in a safe manner.

Mrs. Fosbaugh informed the audience that in addition to the MS4 display in the Lobby, the Township also has MS4 informational packets in the rear of the Board Room for any attendees this evening.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

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

Time: 6:41 p.m.

