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## Post BMP Maintenance

All lands within York County are linked together by a number of waterways, creeks, streams and ponds. It is the goal of the York County Environmental Compliance Department to eliminate all pollutants that could impact our valuable water bodies.



One way in which we do this is by regularly inspecting both construction and post-construction sites throughout the county's jurisdiction to ensure they are in

compliance by doing what needs to be done to keep sediment and other contaminants from leaving the site after a rain event. Through education and enforcement our site inspectors work with contractors, developers and property owners to meet these goals.

Most sites have permanent **Best Management Practices**, or BMPs, some of which are designed to detain stormwater runoff volume to pre-development conditions while other BMPs provide additional water quality treatment. Property owners are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of these BMPs located on private property. When a BMP fails during a storm event or at any other time, the property owner is re-

sponsible for making repairs and retrieving any sediment before that offsite sediment becomes an illicit discharge.

For more information on long-term maintenance and inspection requirements for stormwater facilities and BMPs, you can refer to § 152.031 of the York County Code of Ordinances. You can also contact **Ryan Singletary** (York County Environmental Compliance Coordinator) at (803) 909-7162.



## Illicit Discharges

As of January 1st, 2019 the York County Environmental Compliance has been called on to investigate 54 Illicit Discharge complaints. This is compared to the 457 Stormwater complaints the department has handled in the same amount of time.

You can do your part to help keep York County's stormwater flowing by using T.I.D.E: Tag Illegal Dumping for Elimination. If you see someone dumping anything down the storm drain, take a picture of it and send it into [tide@yorkcountygov.com](mailto:tide@yorkcountygov.com) with as much information as

you can. You can also report it directly using the "Report a Problem" link found on the York County Government website under the Environmental Compliance webpage:

[www.yorkcountygov.com/625/Illicit-Discharge](http://www.yorkcountygov.com/625/Illicit-Discharge)

### Illicit Discharges include

- \* Sewage and Seepage
- \* Automotive fluids & wash waters
- \* Floor drain discharges
- \* Paint products
- \* Industrial discharges without NPDES permit
- \* Chlorinated backwash from pools

# Storm Drain Medallion Project



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Do you have storm drains in your neighborhood? Chances are they don't have a weatherproof medallion like the one on the left. It's a great way to remind your neighbors, classmates, and friends that protecting stormwater is important. York County offers a **FREE** kit for HOAs, scout groups, schools, and clubs to mark drains. It's an excellent environmental and socially responsible project that's fast, easy, and lasts for years. We will provide all the materials needed to mark drains at your church, school, centers, or neighborhood. Give me a call and help protect our most valuable natural resource, **WATER!**



## SCDHEC Construction General Permit Changes

The Construction General Permit (CGP) issued by South Carolina DHEC, which is a 5-year permit, is due for revision. Rules impacting stormwater across the county are anticipated to change starting January 1st, 2020. This is because the current CGP has expired but has continued through State administrative extension. Recent administrative changes at the EPA and DHEC, including a push to adopt ePermitting, are some of the reasons for the change.

### Proposed Permit Changes:

- Expanded construction without a Stormwater Permit,
- Utilities can seek the annual blanket coverage year round,
- Clarified difference between less than 2 acre site plans and larger site plans,
- Soil compaction & Stabilization clarifications,
- Approved plans must be onsite during active construction. When the site is not under active construction, and plans must be available within 30 minutes of regulator's request.
- Inspection changes,
- Inspection Report changes,
- Maintenance requirements,

- Clarification on off-site sedimentation requirements,
- Removal of all temporary BMPs prior to submitting Notice of Termination.

Additional information can be found on a link to the 2019 CGP Hearing Notice found on the York County Government website under the Environmental Compliance webpage:

[www.yorkcountygov.com/381/Environmental-Compliance](http://www.yorkcountygov.com/381/Environmental-Compliance).

