Madison County Illicit Drainage Labeling

Madison County Stormwater Management proposes a drainage labeling program to help deter illicit discharges into the stormwater receiving systems within the County. The storm drain clean-up and labeling motto is “Only Rain Down The Drain”. The proposal states that the first year, 2023, half of the Co-Permittee Group will participate and the following year, the other half will participate and continue in alternating years. This program meets two of the minimum control measures for the group, both public outreach and education, as well as illicit discharge detection and elimination.

Co-permittee members who are interested can sign up at the MS4 meetings or through email. The County will talk with individual members to choose a date and time for their event. It is also suggested that the Green Schools Coordinator help out with inviting grade schools to participate. The County has volunteered to help out with the public involvement aspect by providing flyers, newspaper advertisements, and online announcements. The County will bring materials such as stencils, brushes, paint, paint trays, and trash bags for litter clean up. The County will map out target areas for the Co-Permittee members to focus on. The timeline for events is recommended to be scheduled between May and October. These events will be held on a first come, first served basis. Whoever decides earliest to utilize this service from the County will be scheduled first.
Village of Godfrey — Stormwater BMP Guide for Residents

In an effort to provide resources and information to its residents the Village of Godfrey drafted a manual highlighting several BMP techniques that residents can utilize to promote stormwater management and pollution control.

The manual provided information on the importance on stormwater BMPs including:
- Rain Barrels
- Permeable Pavements
- Rain Gardens
- Natural Landscaping
- Bioswales
- Bioretention Basin
- Stormwater Friendly Lawn Care

The guide provided easy to follow procedures for implementing the BMPs including a background, a section on “how it works” and a guide to pick an appropriate BMP for the residents particular situation. As a member to the MS4 Co-Permittee Group, the Village of Godfrey was able to share this valuable resource with the rest of the group. More information on Stormwater Best Management Practices can be found on the Village’s website at:

Stormwater-Best-Management-Practices.pdf (godfreyil.org)

For other great resources and events consider joining Madison County’s public Facebook Group - Madison County Clean Communities!

A featured topic during the December Quarterly Meeting was a presentation on Post Construction Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure, one of the six minimum control measures implemented by the Co-Permittee Group.

Tony Schenk, P.E., provided the group several resources that they could use to develop and implement these important BMP’s. More information about Green Infrastructure and some of these resources can be found on EPA’s website below, which can also be found by searching “Green Infrastructure, EPA”.

Green Infrastructure | US EPA

The Co-Permittee group was also reminded of several required activities including: wet and dry weather storm water sampling, annual public meetings and record keeping requirements.