

MS4 STORMWATER ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

May 6, 2008

Program Outline

Portions of the Town of Owego designated MS4 by NYSDEC – NOI prepared in 2003 for a 5 year permit cycle;

Completing year 5 of permit cycle; new permit went into effect May 1, 2008

Compliance Requirements

Town of Owego is required to have a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)

Town of Owego is required to file an SWMP Annual Report (SWMPAR)

Town of Owego is required to file an annual Municipal Compliance Certification (MCC)

SWMP Requirements – Town SWMP must include elements of each of the following:
(6 minimum control measures)

- Public Education & Outreach
- Public Involvement/Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination
- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Stormwater Management
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Activities conducted for Year 5

- Town of Owego added Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) regulations (Local Law #5-2007) to Chapter 123 (Erosion & Sediment Control) to the Code – which are included in the Town website.
- The Town continued participation with the Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition & Tioga County Water Quality Control Committee. Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition finalized its logo, established and launched its website (www.broometiogastormwater.com), and produced 500 rain gauges for its municipalities to distribute to local contractors and developers for construction site monitoring.
- Tioga County' 2007 Stream Clean Up event resulted in 65 participants collecting 3.7 tons of trash.
- Tioga County's Soil & Water Conservation District Manager obtained her CPESQ and is as such is the only qualified person in the county to review Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP's) for construction sites.
- Attended an all day stormwater construction site inspection workshop on May 17, 2007 for Code Enforcement Officers/Building Officials presented by Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board

- Attended the 2007 Annual Conference of the New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association on September 2007.

Year 6/Year 1 Activities

- Town of Owego is participating in the used tire and scrap metal collection program for 2008.
- Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition – will be meeting shortly to discuss the two permit reauthorizations (MS4 and Construction permits) that took effect May 1, 2008.
- While this has no effect on the 6 Minimum Measures activities, it will impact new construction projects greater than 1 acre located in the MS4 area within the Town of Owego:
 1. Prior to start of construction, the MS4 jurisdiction (Town of Owego) must review and approve the project's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for adequacy and completeness and then issue the applicant a Letter of Acceptance. The applicant must submit this MS4 Letter of Acceptance with required Notice of Intent to NYSDEC. Since we have contracted with Wendy Walsh, Tioga County Soil & Water District Manager, to perform SWPPP reviews, she is able sign the letter of acceptance on behalf of the Town.
 2. Contractors must be certified in stormwater training in order to be working on construction sites greater than 1 acre within the designated MS4 area.
- Tioga County SWCD has purchased a watershed model used to demonstrate contamination carried by stormwater and the impacts to our drinking water sources. Demonstrations are planned in elementary school classrooms, starting with Owego Apalachin Central School District, since they are the only school district in the designated MS4 area.
- Various educational materials have been purchased from Water for Life. Placemats will continue to be distributed to restaurants in the MS4 area, such as the Blue Dolphin.
- The Town needs to develop an operation & maintenance program for town owned stormwater system maintenance as well as investigate funding methods to implement all of the SWMP requirements.
- The Town should continue to update its website with stormwater information and regulations.