

# **MONROE TOWNSHIP STORMWATER NEWS – JULY 2021**

## **MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WHAT IS IT AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?**



*Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) are systems of publicly owned pipes and ditches that transport stormwater runoff to local waterways. In areas that the waterways have been designated “impaired”, municipalities are mandated by the federal government to have permitting and a plan in place to improve the water quality of these impaired waterways.*

## **2021 MS4 and Stormwater Projects**

You will soon see the Stormwater fees collected over the last several months put to use as MS4 Pollutant Reduction projects begin in the Miller Road and Spring Circle areas of the Township and a clean-up project takes place near Granda Flora Drive in the Lucinda Lane area.

Miller Road will see the installation of new inlets with the addition of filter baskets to collect unwanted debris as water moves through the inlets to the creek. The bank adjacent to the Yellow Breeches will be stabilized and area swales will be graded and revegetated to assist with the removal of sediment prior to stormwater runoff reaching the creek in that area.

Spring Circle will see the removal of a deteriorated pipe in the area between 919 & 923 Spring Circle. Swales in that area will then be regraded and reseeded to better filter the runoff before it reaches the Trindle Springs Run.

An additional stormwater project will be undertaken in the Lucinda Lane area at Granda Flora Drive, where the storm drain area will be cleaned out and the swale regraded due to an overgrowth of undesirable vegetation. The stone on the outfall side will be replaced and the yard area will be reseeded after the undesirable vegetation is properly removed.

Additional projects are being planned as budget, property acquisition, weather conditions, manpower and coordination of plans come into focus. Stay tuned for further updates as they become available.

## INFORMATION FOR BILLING, ONLINE ACCESS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

The quarterly Stormwater Fee of \$43.25 began being billed to each parcel of land in Monroe Township in October 2020.

### **Stormwater Billing Timeline Information**

<u>Period</u>	<u>Billing Date</u>	<u>Billing Due Date</u>
January – March	January 15 <sup>th</sup>	February 28 <sup>th</sup>
April – June	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
July – September	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 31 <sup>st</sup>
October – December	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	November 30 <sup>th</sup>

A 10% penalty will be charged to past due accounts.

### **Online Payments and e-Billing Customer Portal**

The customer portal provides you with the opportunity to create an account through self-registration to access your account information and activity online, including paying your bills via electronic payment. The option to sign up for e-Billing is also available. If you are interested in creating a customer portal account go to <https://monroetwp.authoritypay.com/> and click on Set Up Online Access. You will need your account number and CID number.

Electronic payments can be made through the Customer Portal by using your banking information or credit/debit card. Please be aware that if payment is made using a credit/debit card you will be assessed a convenience fee of 2.65% or a \$3.00 minimum.

Current sewer customers that have already created an account on the Customer Portal, will be able to use the same log in information to view and/or pay your stormwater bill.

### *Always Invited*

All of Monroe's meetings are open to the public.

Please feel free to attend to see firsthand all that goes into supporting our hometown and to maybe see how you can get involved.

Check out Monroe Township's website for more info. and the meeting schedules for all of our Township's leadership boards; Board of Supervisor, Recreation, Municipal Authority, Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing.

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