

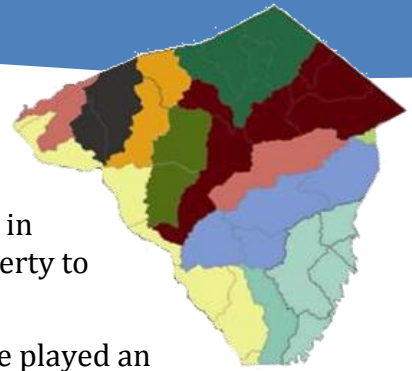
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN LANCASTER COUNTY



Lititz Borough



Mount Joy Borough



Why is stormwater management important in Lancaster County?

- Heavy rains have in the past, and will continue in the future to endanger livelihoods – from property to crops to lives.
- The Susquehanna River and its tributaries have played an important part in Lancaster County's economy and culture; badly managed stormwater runoff pollutes the water and threatens the communities utilizing these waterways.

What can WE do to minimize stormwater?

- Limit the amount of solid surfaces or use permeable materials.
- Allow buffers of vegetation alongside waterways to filter and slow runoff, and plant native trees, shrubs and groundcover to absorb rainwater.
- Consider a rain garden or rain barrel to manage runoff on your property.
- Find ways to reduce the amount of litter, sediment, and other debris entering waterways.
- Use natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

What are the efforts of the Lancaster County Municipal Stormwater Financing Initiative?

- The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) provides resources to communities engaged in developing and enhancing their sustainable stormwater management program. Through NFWF, the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium (LCCWC) is sponsoring six municipalities in Lancaster County – **Lititz and Mount Joy Boroughs and East Cocalico, Manheim, Warwick, and West Lampeter Townships** – to work with the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland to find long-term solutions to managing stormwater.
- The EFC is working with municipal staff to ensure each municipality has a stormwater program that addresses local infrastructure and regulatory needs in a long-term and sustainable manner.
- The EFC will provide financing recommendations designed to support stormwater program needs in a way that reflects the nature and characteristics of each municipality.

Want to learn more or share your thoughts on the Lancaster County Municipal Stormwater Financing Initiative?



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