

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
FOR COMPLYING WITH THE
NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/
INVOLVEMENT PROCESS (PPP)**

UPDATED JANUARY 2020

INTRODUCTION

Overview:

This section of the “Implementation Plan” is intended to serve as the primary guidance document for the Public Participation portion of the Storm Water Management Program. This section was originally developed to provide a general overview of the requirements outlined in the City of East Lansing’s NPDES Permit No.MI0059327 which became effective June 2015. The Implementation Plan was subsequently reviewed and updated to reflect any changes to the new NPDES Permit which becomes effective February 1, 2020.

In particular, this section addresses Part I, Section A.3.b “Public Participation/Involvement Process (PPP)” which states *“The permittee shall implement the PPP to encourage public participation/involvement in the implementation and periodic review of the SWMP to the maximum extent practicable. The permittee shall implement the PPP as part of the SWMP. The permittee has chosen to work collaboratively with watershed or regional partners to implement the PPP or part of the PPP, therefore each permittee working collaboratively is responsible for complying with the PPP as described in the SWMP.”*

2015 Original Implementation Plan:

The City of East Lansing is an active member of the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (the GLRC). The GLRC allows the permittees to share the resources developed for all nineteen of its members including various documents and resources discussed in the other various sections of this Implementation Plan. In addition, the GLRC website has provided a direct link for citizens, school teachers, students, and others to get information on the local stormwater watersheds and how to protect them.

The City also provided much of the information regarding the 2015 NPDES Permit, the 2013 Application and other documents on its own website.

The City has utilized the existing “Commission on the Environment” as a resource to review various aspects of the SWMP and provide input on possible modifications or enhancements to it. An extensive power point presentation on the origin, status and plans for implementing the Storm Water Management Plan was made at the November 16, 2015 meeting of the Commission on the Environment. An update on the overall implementation was made at the November 21, 2016 meeting.

2017 Updated Implementation Plan:

The City of East Lansing made extensive updates and enhancements to its website in 2016 to provide better access to all of the stormwater materials making up the Storm Water Management Program. Anyone is now able to review the SWMP and is encouraged to provide comments or suggestions.

2020 Updated Implementation Plan:

The 2020 NPDES Permit did not modify any of the Public Participation/Involvement Process requirements or result in any changes to the previous Implementation Plan.

The commission will continue to be updated annually on the progress of the City's Storm Water Management program and be asked to provide a critique on the program.

Presentations to the City Council will occur whenever significant program modifications or additions to the Storm Water Management Plan requires their action (ordinances, policy resolutions, etc...).

The City continues to review and update its own website annually.

Implementation & Tracking:

A record of public participation efforts conducted each year will be maintained.

A checklist encompassing the various aspects and requirements for complying with the Public Participation requirements of the NPDES Permit has been developed for use on an annual basis.