



Stormwater Matters

City of New Albany

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Program Statistic Estimates

April-May/2007

Maintenance projects completed	81/177
Capital projects	\$310,530
Catch basins cleaned	325/423
Material collected from catch basins & drains (tons)	8.1/25.9
Material dredged from ditches (tons)	0/14.5
Estimated linear feet of ditch/pipe cleaned or repaired	2,303/4,984
Material collected from street sweeping (tons)	164.4/347.8
Yard Waste collected (tons)	130.4/164.3
Construction sites permitted	1/11
Illicit discharges eliminated	11/16
Flood insurance policies	153

Board Meetings for June, July and August will be held the Third Friday of the Month: June 15, 2007; July 20, 2007 and August 17, 2007. All meetings will begin at 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

How You Can Help Improve Our Streams

Did you know that:

- According to EPA data, 1,320 waters in Indiana do not meet their intended use (May 2004);
- According to a nationwide USGS study in 1999, herbicides were found in 99% of sampled streams;
- 4.35 miles of Silver Creek within New Albany do not meet the water quality standards for its designated use; and
- Grass, excess fertilizer, leaves, pet waste, litter, herbicides and pesticides all impact the quality of our rivers, lakes and streams?

We can all do our part to reduce water pollution.

- Do not dispose of yard waste in the storm drains or streets;
- Place all yard waste in a garbage can designated for yard waste and arrange for City of New Albany pick-up;
- Pick-up after your pet regularly;
- Follow the directions on the pesticide container, have your soil tested to verify that you are using the appropriate fertilizer and apply fertilizers in the fall to reduce run-off; and
- Do not litter.

What is the City of New Albany doing to address these problems?

Due to the significance of these problems and the unfunded State and Federal mandates, the City of New Albany is working to reduce these pollutants.

As part of this effort, the Common Council enacted an ordinance prohibiting illicit discharges which is any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. This ordinance will be enforced beginning in September 2007, which will result in fines up to \$2,500 being assessed against those who improperly dispose of leaves or yard clippings.

In addition, the City offers yard waste pick-up to prevent grass clippings and leaves from going to landfills and our streams, lakes and rivers. For more information regarding this service call 812-948-5352.

For more information about improving our streams go to www.newalbanystormwater.org.



Street Drain Clogged with Leaves, Garbage and Sediment



Leaves, Algae and Sediment in a Polluted Stream



Cans at the Curb Filled with Yard Waste



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New Albany, IN 47150

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Education and Outreach Efforts

Members of the New Albany Stormwater Board have been busy meeting with residents regarding the New Albany Stormwater Program.

On April 17, 2007 the New Albany Stormwater Board sponsored a **Community Forum** at New Albany High School. Approximately forty citizens attended the meeting. During the meeting, citizens had the opportunity to discuss drainage problems and learn about the utility.

On May 3, 2007 members of the Stormwater Board attended the **Silver Grove Community Meeting**. Members of the utility answered questions regarding drainage problems and provided information regarding the Stormwater Utility and ways that residents can improve water quality.

On June 4, 2007, Stormwater Board Chairman, Tim Deatruck, spoke at the **Lion's Club** meeting. Mr. Deatruck spoke about the unfunded federal mandate to improve water quality and the steps that the City is taking to comply.

Mr. Deatruck is also volunteering on the Steering Committee for the **Silver Creek Watershed Improvement Task Force**.

On June 13, 2007 members of the New Albany Stormwater Utility attended the Clark and Floyd Counties, **Indiana Illicit Discharge workshop**. There were sixty-eight attendees from local industries present to discuss local water quality issues and what can be done to improve water quality in the Community.

Questions or Comments?

Board Meetings for June, July and August will be held on the third Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the City-County Building, 3rd Floor Assembly Room, 311 West 1st Street, New Albany. All meetings are open to the public and residents' comments regarding the Stormwater Program are welcome.