



Stormwater Matters

City of New Albany

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Program Statistic Estimates

May 2008

Maintenance projects completed	376
Catch basins cleaned	762
Material collected from catch basins & drains (tons)	122
Material dredged from ditches (tons)	80
Estimated linear feet of ditch/pipe cleaned or repaired	16,389
Material collected from street sweeping (tons)	657
Yard Waste Collected (tons)	398
Construction sites permitted	14
Illicit discharges eliminated	23
Capital projects (2007 Year to Date)	\$310,68
Flood insurance policies (as of April 2008)	157

Board Meetings will be held the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in the City-County Building, 3rd Floor Assembly Room, 311 West 1st Street, New Albany.

New Albany is Hard at Work Renewing Stormwater Permit

The City of New Albany is regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), pursuant to the Clean Water Act. Through the Clean Water Act, the U.S. EPA promulgated the Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The EPA defines an MS4 as the ditches, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and similar means of collecting and conveying stormwater that does not connect with the wastewater collection system or wastewater treatment plant.

The New Albany Stormwater Board and Utility are both hard at work preparing for the next MS4 permit. The City is an MS4, and as such, must comply with Federal and State

regulations. The City originally submitted the first permit application in 2003.

As preparation, the New Albany Stormwater Board Members attended the inaugural MS4



View of the Ohio River from New Albany

Annual Meeting in Danville, Indiana in April of 2008.

The Board is coordinating with IDEM and surrounding Southern Indiana MS4 communities to

draft the next activities for the permit. The renewal will be addressed at future Board meetings.

IDEM and the U.S. EPA require the City to meet minimum control measures in the following areas:

- public education and outreach;
- public participation;
- illicit discharge detection and elimination;
- construction erosion and sediment control;
- post-construction sediment and erosion control; and
- good housekeeping and reporting.

For more information regarding the City's efforts to improve the quality of life for its citizenry, please visit the New Albany Stormwater Board website for more information.

New Albany Stormwater Board Utility Begins Master Planning Process

The New Albany Stormwater Board and Utility are both pleased to announce that it will be starting the stormwater master planning process. The primary goal is to assess the stormwater infrastructure in New Albany. The results from this assessment will allow the City to better plan, design and repair stormwater infrastructure with more efficiency, and help to reduce flooding in the area.

The process will last at least four years. The first year will include the assessment of infrastructure that may result in emergency or maintenance projects.

The Stormwater Utility is

working to maintain and repair stormwater infrastructure such as ditches, drains and culverts around the City of New Albany. The Utility is making every effort to respond to neighborhood concerns and to improve drainage issues throughout the City. Currently, the Utility is able to repair and maintain infrastructure that is located in public easements and right of ways.

The Stormwater Board will be holding a community forum at New Albany High School in the school cafeteria on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the stormwater

program and master planning efforts with citizens.

Citizens will have the opportunity to present drainage concerns and speak with members of the Stormwater Board.



The City of New Albany is working to reduce flooding



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Did You Know?

What can I do to improve water quality?

1. Volunteer.
2. Do not dump anything down storm drains. Stormwater does not go to a treatment plant.
3. Put litter in its place.
Stormwater drainage carries litter from the roadsides into our streams, lakes and rivers. Help keep Indiana beautiful by stopping litter.
4. Collect yard waste and keep it out of storm drains.
This can also clog the drainage pipes and swales causing flooding.
5. Pick up after your pet.
Their waste is just as bad as yours.
6. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
The excess runs off into our waterways and wastes money.
7. Wash your car on the lawn rather than washing your car on pavement. Your lawn helps absorb the water and keeps the dirty water from entering our streams. Or even better, use a commercial car wash, they recycle water.
8. Check your car for leaks and fix them.
Drips from cars can pollute our streams and drinking water. Routinely maintaining your vehicle can extend its usefulness and benefit our environment.
9. Use your car less.
Consider ways to use your car less, such as ridesharing, running your errands all at once, or taking the bus. Fewer cars on the road means less air and water pollution.
10. Recycle used motor oil.
Remember to always recycle used motor oil and never dump anything into storm drains or ditches – they drain into our streams.

Community Forum :

**Thursday, July 31st
7 p.m.**

**New Albany High School
Cafeteria
1020 Vincennes Road**

**For more information,
please visit our website
or contact the City
Utility Manager, Brad
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5320.**