

INTRODUCTION:

The Town of Mount Hope has always appreciated and understood the importance of its water resources and has been committed, through the Town's Planning Board, Building Department, and Highway Department, to preserve the water quality of the Towns streams, lakes, ponds and wetlands through implementation of its laws, regulations and general good housekeeping.

The State of New York mandated initiative, known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program or MS4 has designated the Town of Mount Hope as one of the many MS4 municipalities throughout the state. As a designated MS4 Municipality the Town is required to prepare this Stormwater Management Plan.

The purpose of the Stormwater Management Plan is to comprehensively address how to meet the various regulations, plans, programs, and policies that effect stormwater runoff, flooding, and associated water resources and to monitor the effectiveness of the this plan goals. As the various regulations, plans, programs and policies affect the same activities, an overall plan is needed to effectively and efficiently address the requirements with long term goals, objectives and policies as outlined by the Federal Clean Water Act as administered by the New York State Department of Conservation.

The success of the Stormwater Management Plan relies in large part to the efforts of the Towns public officials and employees in their respective duties as a governing entity and municipal operation. Equally important in the success of the Stormwater Management Plan are the Town of Mount Hope's residents and business community, particularly the development and construction industry, becoming actively engaged in protecting the Towns water resources.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

I – Minimum Control Measure 1 – Public Education and Outreach:

Educating the general public about the impacts of pollutants on stormwater quality is essential to establish community based support and provide the public with a better understanding of the Town's Stormwater Management Plan and its efforts to protect the Town's water resources. This can be achieved by providing information in the form of written materials, posting information on the Town's web site and by conducting educational workshops and meetings.

Various pamphlets and written material, including local laws regarding stormwater and erosion control, can be found and/or reviewed by the public at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Highway Superintendent. As this information is targeted primarily for the general public at large, it is also intended to provide information to the commercial community (particularly the building trades) conducting business within the Town of Mount Hope. Pamphlets and written material have and will continue to be made available at venues such as the "Otisville Country Fair", Otisville Elementary School and on the Town's web site.