

II - Minimum Control Measure 2 – Public Participation and Involvement:

Public participation and involvement in maintaining the quality of the Town's water resources helps to establish a working partnership between the Town and the residents of the Town of Mount Hope. It provides the opportunity for the public and private sectors to participate in stormwater related activities as well as encourage active and meaningful participation and dialog at meetings and other public gatherings.

As with all Town concerns, the public is welcome and invited at any time to provide comments, input and/or recommendations on the Stormwater Management Plan, the MS4 Annual Report and /or any other stormwater maintenance activities. Public comments and suggestions can not only be made at public meetings but are welcome by phone, email, or in person by contacting the Stormwater Management Coordinator or any other Town official, Highway Superintendent or Town Engineer.

Examples of hands on programs that the public can participate in are Town sponsored cleanup events, Adopt a Highway Program, and stenciling "Do not Pollute/Dump" on storm drains throughout the Town. The stenciling of storm drains was initially done by the Town Highway Department however maintenance and re-stenciling of storm drains by organizations interested in service projects is welcomed by the Town.

III - Minimum Control Measure 3 – Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination:

As the Town of Mount Hope is primarily a "bedroom" community with limited commercial properties, illicit discharges, with the exception of occasional individual sewerage disposal system failure or construction sites having a failure of their erosion control measures, has not been an issue. Illicit discharges are illegal and upon detection of such are quickly addressed and remedied.

The Town has prepared a town wide map that has indicated culverts within the previously identified MS4 area. This map will need to be periodically updated to include new stormwater management practices that have been constructed and to locate the culverts and outfall throughout the Town due to the recent expansion of the MS4 area to include the entire Township.

The Highway Department employees as part of their training routinely observe and monitor stormwater systems throughout the Town during their normal daily activities as well as report any illicit discharges found to the appropriate Town official.