

**OAKLAND COUNTY MS4
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PROCEDURE
SEPTEMBER 2025**

I. POLICY:

This policy is to define the Oakland County MS4 Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP).

II. BACKGROUND:

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) NPDES Phase II Stormwater Discharge Permit requires a procedure for public participation/involvement in the development and implementation of the Oakland County Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). This procedure includes a description of the opportunities for the public to review and provide comment on the SWMP and for inviting public involvement and participation in the implementation and periodic review of the SWMP.

III. PROCEDURE:

A. Stormwater Management Plan Available for Public Inspection and Comment

The WRC has a website devoted to housing the County's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and associated annual/biennial reporting to EGLE. Visitors to the SWMP website will be able to view a digital version of the SWMP and will be able to provide input/comment on the plan through an email address (envreq@oakgov.com) or by phone (248-858-0958). Comments would be incorporated into future updates of the SWMP, as appropriate. The WRC stormwater manager will compile and track comments from the public including: commenter name, date, and details of comment(s).

The WRC works collaboratively with watershed partner communities, Cranbrook Institute of Science, SEMCOG, SOCWA, MSU-Extension and the watershed councils. At present, Oakland County participates in numerous environmentally-related committees and is a partner in the Collaborative Clinton River Watershed Public Education Plan that is being spearheaded by the Clinton River Watershed Council. The general public would be welcome at any and all of these committee meetings where they can provide their input on SWMP's at any time.

The WRC will post Public Notices from EGLE, as appropriate, regarding MS4 permit reissuance and availability of related documents (including the SWMP and supporting documents) in its lobby where Public Notices are typically posted. Documentation of said posting will be made available to EGLE to document that proper posting of the Public Notice was accomplished.

B. Public Involvement and Participation in the Implementation and Periodic Review of the Stormwater Management Plan

The following BMP will be utilized to allow for public involvement and participation in the implementation and periodic review of the SWMP:

BMP	Description	Schedule	Method of Assessment
Survey	<p>WRC will engage the public in its review and input on the SWMP by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a survey link prompting questions about the stormwater management plan • GovDelivery email blast to WRC’s newsletter subscribers about its program and opportunity for input via the survey • Social media post to get people to the survey • The survey will also be accessible on the WRC’s website 	Annually in Spring (March/April)	<p>Number of individuals that participate in the survey annually.</p> <p>Summary of input/comments made on the SWMP will be available upon request.</p>
Website	<p>The WRC website will be utilized to explain the program and opportunities for public involvement and participation. A link to the SWMP will also be available on the OCPRC’s web page as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRC’s Stormwater Management Plan website • OCPRC’s Natural Resource Management website, under the “Freshwater Resources” drop-down, then under “Stormwater Management”, will link to the SWMP on WRC’s page 	Ongoing	<p>Number of hits on websites.</p> <p>Summary of comments made on the SWMP will be available upon request.</p>

IV. OTHER:

Any questions on this policy and procedure should be directed to the appropriate department’s Stormwater Manager.

V. PROCESS FOR UPDATING/REVISING THIS PROCEDURE

This procedure shall be reviewed once per permit cycle by the appropriate department’s Stormwater Manager for any updates or to streamline the requirements.