

APPENDIX F

EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND MUNICIPAL ADOPTION

Evidence of Public Involvement and Municipal Adoption

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement in the planning process was important to the development of this CBPRP. At least one opportunity for public involvement occurred in each of the MS4 jurisdictions covered under this permit. Additional public involvement opportunities occurred at several County-wide public meetings and meetings of interested community organizations.

The Lycoming County MS4 Planner conducted an “MS4 Roadshow” between January and March 2015 in which a PowerPoint presentation was made to each municipal meeting. The purpose of this Roadshow was to provide general MS4 information to municipal officials and the public, discuss the CBPRP during its development, answer questions, and receive public input on the MS4 program in general and the CBPRP. In addition to the MS4 Roadshow, several stand-alone presentations at public meetings were made specifically about the CBPRP. The input provided by the public and MS4 elected officials and staff who participated in these meetings was crucial to the consultants and MS4 Planner in the development of the plan.

The following is a list of public education and public involvement opportunities provided during the development of the CBPRP. It is estimated that more than 225 people attended the listed meetings. At each listed meeting, a formal public comment period was held, and/or an open question and answer period was provided. In addition to opportunities for in-person participation, the list below also details the ways in which the public was notified of the plan through the media and the public’s opportunity to provide input on the plan through electronic means.

MS4 ROADSHOW PRESENTATIONS

| <u>Date (2015)</u> | <u>Public Meeting</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| January 5 | Lycoming Township Board of Supervisors | 323 Dauber Rd., Cogan Station |
| January 13 | Old Lycoming Township Board of Supervisors | 1951 Green Ave., Williamsport |
| January 22 | Williamsport City Council (meeting broadcast on Lycoming County Area Television—Comcast Channel 75) | 245 West 4 th St., Williamsport |
| January 27 | Loyalsock Township Board of Supervisors | 2501 East Third St., Williamsport |
| February 10 | Hepburn Township Board of Supervisors | 2702 Pleasant Valley Rd., Cogan Station |
| February 26 | Pennsylvania College of Technology (special meeting advertised to the entire campus community) | One College Ave., Williamsport |
| March 2 | Montoursville Borough Council | 617 N. Loyalsock Ave., Montoursville |
| March 2 | Fairfield Township Board of Supervisors | 834 Fairfield Church Rd., Montoursville |

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS

Date (2015) Event/Organization

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| January 8 | Duboistown Borough Council |
| January 29 | Municipal Summit, Lycoming County Planning Commission |
| January 14 | Annual Watershed Forum, Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited (open to the public) |
| February 9 | South Williamsport Borough Council |
| February 20 | Quarterly Meeting, Lycoming County Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Advisory Committee |
| March 4 | Monthly Meeting, Williamsport Tea Party (open to the public) |
| March 9 | Media Advisory released by Lycoming County to publicize March 23 meeting; sent to all local print, broadcast, radio, and other media outlets; also publicized on social media |
| March 10 & 12 | Lycoming County Commissioners public meetings; information item presented to publicize March 23 meeting |
| March 11 | Special Meeting to review CBPRP draft held for MS4 officials (elected, staff, consultants) |
| March 17 | Draft CBPRP posted on www.lyco.org for public review and comment |
| March 23 | Public participation meeting for CBPRP; presentation given, comments received |

MUNICIPAL ADOPTION

Formal adoption of this plan by a vote of municipal governing bodies is not a DEP requirement. DEP only requires that the responsible person listed on the permit sign the plan. However, the Lycoming County MS4 Coalition determined that formal adoption of the plan was important to establishing and demonstrating full buy-in and support of this plan and its implementation schedule.

Due to the accelerated timetable under which this complex plan was completed, municipal adoption of the final CBPRP at public meetings was not possible prior to the April 1 deadline for submission of this plan to PA DEP. The final CBPRP will be presented for municipal adoption at the MS4 permittees' April and May public meetings. When municipal adoption is completed, DEP will be notified via letter by the Lycoming County MS4 Planner. Note that the Pennsylvania College of Technology is not a municipality and therefore will not be adopting this plan at a public meeting. However, the plan has been reviewed and approved by appropriate staff.

Although final municipal adoption was not completed by April 1, the Lycoming County MS4 Coalition and elected officials actively participated in the creation of this plan. The Williamsport Area Joint Permittees worked closely with the MS4 Planner and the consultant to develop the plan, through phone calls and correspondence, during the events listed above, and through

monthly Coalition meetings. Each MS4 entity sends at least one representative to participate in the MS4 Coalition meetings, and they also receive regular email updates between meetings. As discussed above, a special briefing was provided by the consultant and Lycoming County staff to elected officials, who then had an opportunity to request revisions prior to the plan's release for public comment. The responsible parties from the Williamsport Area Joint Permittees have approved this plan, pending final adoption by municipal officials.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Coverage of the CBPRP planning process in local media is included at the end of this Appendix.

Spreading good cheer



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Domers Bar and Grill had people in shamrock costumes, left photo, passing out candy while walking down West Fourth Street during the Williamsport St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday. At right, a young participant in the parade passes out candy.

Public meeting on stormwater plan next week

From Staff Reports

How local communities plan to improve water quality in the area and address the environmental damage done by stormwater runoff will be the subject of a public meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday in the Lycoming County commissioners' boardroom at the Executive Plaza, 330 Pine St.

▶ IF YOU GO

- ▶ **WHAT:** Public meeting to address municipal environmental requirements
- ▶ **WHEN:** 4 to 6 p.m. Monday
- ▶ **WHERE:** Lycoming County commissioners' boardroom, Executive Plaza, 330 Pine St.

The county department of planning and community development will present a draft version of its Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan, a requirement of the state Department of Environmental Protection meant to reduce hazardous discharge into the Chesapeake Bay.

The plan is on behalf of the Williamsport Joint Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems area, a coalition of eight communities that have sought the county's assistance in meeting state and federal environmental requirements.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend for their input.

In addition, the county planning department will be accepting written public comments until March 27.

The draft plan will be available for viewing online this week at the county's website, www.lyco.org.

The coalition includes Hepburn, Fairfield, Loyalsock, Lycoming and Old Lycoming townships, as well as Williamsport, Montoursville and Pennsylvania College of Technology.



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State counties seek to keep impact fee on shale wells

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HARRISBURG — County commissioners are lining up against Gov. Tom Wolf's proposal to replace a fee on Marcellus Shale natural gas wells with a flat annual payment, primarily to governments where wells are hosted.

Keeping the impact fee intact is the second-high-

est priority of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, its executive director, Doug Hill, said Monday during the group's annual spring conference.

The 3-year-old fee is structured to float higher — or lower — with natural gas prices and the number of wells drilled, and the association says it supports the concept as an effective way to help communities deal with the industry's impact.

The majority of the existing impact fee goes to the local governments where the gas wells are drilled, and the most heavily drilled areas — southwestern and northern Pennsylvania — get the most money.

But Wolf, a Democrat, wants to impose a severance tax that would collect several times the amount of the impact fee. That proposal would dissolve the structure of the impact fee and replace it with a \$225 million annual payment. While more of the \$225 million would continue to migrate toward the most heavily drilled areas, counties as a whole would not get more money, if prices



and drilling activity skyrocketed. Severance tax collections above that amount would go to public schools

statewide. Asked by a county commissioner about his proposal during the gathering at a downtown Harrisburg hotel, Wolf said using the additional revenue for schools would make more Pennsylvanians a stake in the industry.

"We want it to work for Pennsylvania and (See STATE, Page A-6)

Bay watch

County plan addresses stormwater runoff

By NICO SALVATORE
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Though several communities in the area may not be responsible for the majority of pollutants that end up in the Chesapeake Bay as a result of stormwater runoff, they still have to comply with state and federal clean water requirements.

"In Lycoming County, we enjoy relatively clean water, but we can always do better," Megan Lehman, lead planner of the county department of Planning and Community Development, told members of the public Monday night.

She was presenting a draft plan that the county has prepared with a municipal coalition to reduce the amount of stormwater entering local streams that lead to the Chesapeake Bay.

The coalition, made up of seven municipalities and Pennsylvania College of Technology, is required to submit the five-year plan by April 1 or be hit with crippling fines from the state and federal governments.



Lauren Robinson, above, municipal separate storm sewer systems planner, gives a presentation at Executive Plaza in Williamsport on Monday. Below, Megan Lehman, lead planner of the county department of Planning and Community Development, discusses the county stormwater runoff plan.

Lehman presented the plan with Lauren Robinson, a stormwater management coordinator hired to provide expertise to the participating municipalities, often referred to collectively as

the Williamsport joint MS4 area.

The group includes Williamsport, Montoursville, Penn College, and Hepburn, Fairfield, Loyalsock, Lycoming and OH

Lycoming townships. MS4 stands for municipal separate storm sewer system, or any system that collects or conveys stormwater via roads,

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Mayor's street repair record under attack

By MARK MARONEY
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City Councilman Bill Hall, who is seeking the Republican nomination for city mayor in the May primary election, on Monday held a news conference to attack Mayor Gabriel J. Campagna's record on street repairs.



HALL

Hall's conference was in the 2300 block of Royal Avenue in Newberry in the city's West End.

"The mayor has told us our streets are fine," Hall said. "Anyone riding on or driving our neighborhood streets knows that is not the case. Taxpayers should expect to get their money's worth. They deserve it."



In response, Campagna said the city has endured two grueling winters. When Hall said the mayor wanted to use \$70,000 of natural gas impact fees on police salaries, Campagna countered by saying the plan for this year is a good one. "We will pave and repair at least 25 streets using \$4 million of funding sources," Campagna said.

But Hall said it's being done with leftover Community Development Block Grant funding for income-eligible streets or natural gas impact fees from 2014.

Over the past four years, the city spent \$1.8 million

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Driver of van in fatal shooting faces a variety of charges

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The man who allegedly drove fatal gunshot victim Hanes Young to the Williamsport Regional Medical Center on Feb. 9 has been arrested for allegedly getting rid of a stolen handgun Young reportedly had in his possession when he was shot on Adams Street, city police said.

Braxton Mitchell, 24, of Philadelphia, is accused of discarding the handgun immediately after Young was shot or shortly thereafter by tossing the weapon between houses in the 300 block of Adams Street, Agent Trent Peacock said in an affidavit.

Two days after the shooting, officers recovered the firearm they believe Mitchell took from Young after Young was shot in the abdomen, Peacock said. The gun was recovered near where Mitchell is believed to have loaded Young into a van after being wounded about 10:15 p.m.

A resident of the neighborhood found the gun and called police.

Young, also 24 and of Philadelphia, died on the operating table a little more than three hours after

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Megan Lehman

State

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Pennsylvania's economy, not for the economy of Texas or Louisiana or someplace else," Wolf said. "So, to do that, we need to make sure all Pennsylvanians feel partnership, a sense of ownership in this industry and I think a modest severance tax, which I'm proposing, would do that."

The county commissioners association has asked the Republican-controlled Legislature to keep the structure of the impact fee intact as lawmakers consider Wolf's proposal. Last year, nearly \$226 million was distributed from the 2013 impact fee.

Of that, \$123 million went to local governments, including 36 counties and about 400 municipalities. The rest went to state agencies, county conservation districts and grant programs for bridge construction, open space protections and water management.

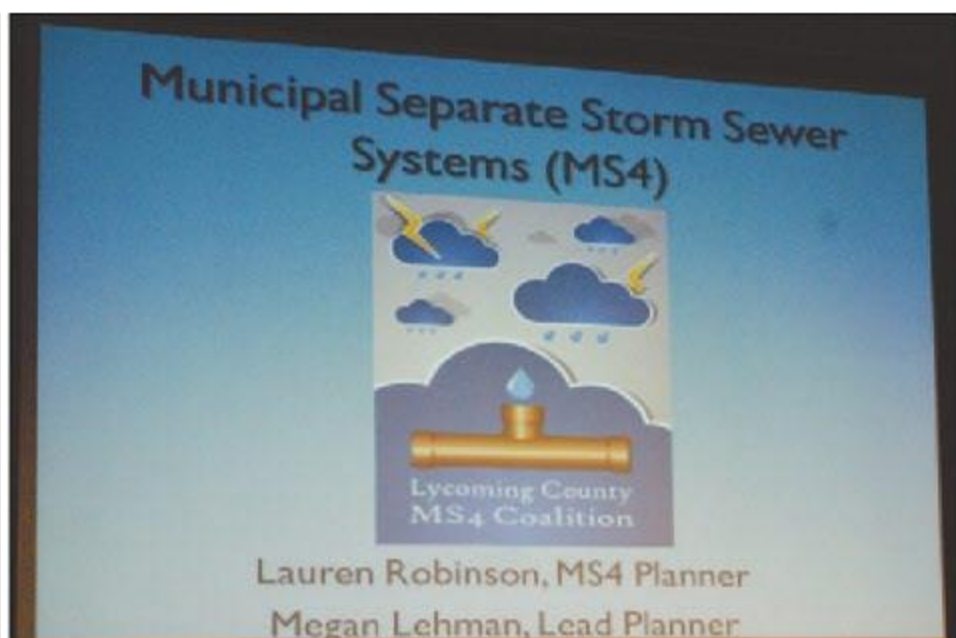
Among counties, the biggest recipients were Bradford County at nearly \$7 million, Washington County in southwestern Pennsylvania at \$5.9 million and Susquehanna County at \$5.4 million.

Among municipalities, Lawrence Township in Clearfield County received the most, at \$720,000, followed by Sullivan Township in Tioga County (\$594,000) and Mount Pleasant Township in Washington County (\$507,000).

Under the 2012 law that created the impact fee, local governments can use it for 13 purposes, including cutting taxes or fixing roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

Sullivan County returned more than \$500,000 in property tax reductions to almost 1,700 homeowners, according to the county commissioners association. Washington County rehabbed four bridges and spent \$195,000 to replace a 20-year-old hazardous material truck with a new state-of-the-art vehicle, the association said.

The 2014 impact fee amount owed by the industry is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.



CARA MORNINGSTAR/
Sun-Gazette

Two of the graphics used during a PowerPoint presentation Monday at Executive Plaza explaining the county's stormwater runoff plan that is needed to help reduce pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.

County plan addresses stormwater runoff

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municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains.

There are nearly 1,000 MS4s in the state, Robinson said.

She said the local plan includes green infrastructure initiatives that better absorb stormwater into the ground before it has the chance to discharge into local streams, carrying pollutants such as sediment, animal waste, chemicals or nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen.

Now available on the county's website for public viewing, the plan outlines 10 priority projects to reduce stormwater runoff, including rain gardens in Loyalsock and Old Lycoming townships.

Lehman said rain gardens allow water to slowly filter into the ground and recharge the water table underneath.

In several of the municipalities, there are plans to replace areas conducive to stormwater runoff, such as impervious surfaces and buildings, with vegetation.

Lehman said the simple act of not mowing the lawn as frequently can reduce runoff.

She added that some of the initiatives are to be incorporated with existing or planned infrastructure projects, so as to keep costs low.

"We tried to put together a plan with

things that are already in the works, rather than reinventing the wheel," she said.

Other, more highly engineered projects are included in the plan, such as an underground storage system at Penn College that collects runoff.

The MS4 coalition doesn't have to meet any quantitative goals, but must provide tangible evidence of clean-water efforts to the state, according to Lehman.

Still, yearly inspections of the locations where stormwater enters local streams, known as outfalls, must take place.

Robinson said there are 203 outfalls within the joint MS4 area, the majority of which are in Loyalsock Township and Williamsport.

But Lehman warned that within the next four to five years, there could be a higher standard of review for stormwater management.

"This is just the warm-up round for what we anticipate for the next cycle," she said.

The current MS4 permit expires in four years.

"We'll have to start over again in March 2019, unless the feds or state change things," she said. "But we're just cogs in their wheel."

The county planning department is accepting public comment on the plan until Friday.

Teamwork leads to plan to reduce runoff from rain

By NICO SALVATORI
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State and federal mandates are no fun, especially for local municipalities scrambling to meet certain regulations and avoid devastating fines. But big government isn't altogether evil.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"These are cool projects."

**Megan Lehman,
lead county planner**

L y c o m i n g County employees recently discovered its silver linings as they helped develop a plan to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff entering local

streams that lead to the Chesapeake Bay.

"It really forced these communities to work together," Megan Lehman, lead planner of the county department of planning and community development, told the Sun-Gazette.

She was referring to a local coalition,

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Teamwork leads to plan to cut stormwater runoff

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made up of seven municipalities and a college, that sought the county's assistance to meet stormwater requirements set by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The group is known as the Williamsport joint MS4 area, which includes the city, Montoursville, Penn College, and Hepburn, Fairfield, Loyalsock, Lycoming and Old Lycoming townships.

MS4 stands for municipal separate storm sewer system, or any system that collects and conveys stormwater, which often contains pollutants like sediment, animal waste and chemicals, or the nutrients phosphorus and nitrogen.

Detailed in the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan, which must be submitted to the state by April 1, are 10 priority projects designed to reduce stormwater runoff. Some of them already exist, but others will be incorporated into upcoming municipal projects.

That approach keeps costs low and those involved hope it becomes a model for future development.

By making stormwater runoff management a component of any new infrastructure project, it won't be a concern later on when state and federal agencies come knocking, according to Lauren Robinson, a stormwater management coordinator hired to provide expertise to the municipalities and alleviate their workload. Her position, which county commissioners approved last year, is funded by the MS4 communities.

She said the priority projects were chosen based on a criteria of cost-savings and feasibility. Another factor was proximity to high priority waters, according to Julia Fine, professional engineer with Michael Baker Jr. Inc., the contractor that helped develop the plan.

Though the projects will be funded by the respective municipalities, Robinson said the county could assist with finding funding sources.

In Old Lycoming Township, a rain garden will become part of the township's recycling facility when it moves from Dewey Avenue to a location on Princeton Avenue.

Work is expected to last a few months but should be complete by the end of the year, according to Bob Whitford, township manager.

Rain gardens allow water to slowly filter into the ground and recharge the water table underneath, according to Lehman.

"These are cool projects," she said, noting that though stormwater runoff management is mandated, it still can be done in creative ways. "There are quality of life benefits. These are good things that can help our local waters."

Officials in Montoursville are keeping stormwater management in mind as they develop a master plan to improve Indian Park and the ponds there, according to Ginny Gardner, borough secretary and treasurer.

In several of the MS4 communities, there are plans to acquire and clear flood-prone properties and return them to open space, not only as an ongoing flood mitigation effort, but to promote vegetation and natural habitats.

Replacing those impervious surfaces with vegetation prevents stormwater from discharging into local streams.

Another priority project, a infiltration trench at Pennsylvania College of Technology, already is collecting stormwater and helping to recharge the water table.

A rain garden and two stormwater infiltration basins in Loyalsock Township are outlined in the plan. Such basins use native vegetation with high pollutant resistance

to store and treat runoff, freeing up municipal employees and equipment.

Each priority is an infrastructure project, but they aren't all set in stone, according to Lehman. If any of the projects aren't realized, an equivalent substitute project must be proposed at some point.

The pollutant reduction plan outlines also methods to reduce stormwater runoff that don't involve infrastructure, such as public outreach, educational signage and recommendations for municipalities to review and update ordinances related to stormwater.

The complete plan is available on the county's website, but today is the last day the county planning department will accept public comment.

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