

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & PARTICIPATION PLAN  
FOR  
SALEM TOWNSHIP  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

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## PLAN GOAL

To engage the public in the implementation of the MS4 program to meet water quality criteria required by the Township NPDES Permit for discharge of stormwater to waters of the Commonwealth.

## TARGET AUDIENCES

The Target Audiences in SAlem Township consists of multiple groups. These include residential, commercial, institutional, industrial and civic organizations. The Target Audiences are attached as Appendix A at the end of this document.

## ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS

The following methods shall be used to communicate with the Target Audiences.

1. Municipal Website [www.salemtownshippa.com](http://www.salemtownshippa.com)
2. Flyers available at the Municipal Building

In addition in accordance with the PA Sunshine Act the Agenda for the Township Supervisors meetings must be available for review a minimum of 24 hours in advance. The Agenda is posted on the Township website. This enables public input for any agenda item, including stormwater related issues.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Township MS4 program will be discussed at the yearly public reorganization meeting in January of each year. Information will be provided to attendees regarding the program. The Township will encourage attendees to provide comments and suggestions to improve the stormwater program.

The Township will develop storm drain marking kits that will be made available to the community for storm drain marking projects. Groups that are potential participants are scouting and religious organizations and businesses.

## PUBLIC INPUT

Prior to adoption, modification, or submission to the Department of Environmental Protection, the following documents will be advertised for public input:

- Ordinances
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Pollutant Reduction Plans (PRPs)

For Ordinances and SOPs, the public input process will include the following steps:

1. Provide notice to the public;
2. Provide opportunities for public comment;
3. Document and evaluate the public comments;

Responses to the comments will be documented prior to finalizing the Ordinance or SOP. The response to comments document shall be kept on file with other SWMP documentation and may be requested by DEP. If no comments are received this shall be documented. A copy of the proof of publication will be retained.

For PRPs the public participation requirements specific in the permit appendices shall be followed and documented.

#### REPORT AVAILABILITY

The following reports are available for review:

- Pollution Reduction Plan
- Stormwater Management Ordinance
- MS4 Status/Annual Report
- MS4 Outfall Field Screening Reports

These are available for viewing at the Township Office during normal business hours. Copies of the reports are available at the Township Office by request. A copy/printing fee established by Township Resolution may be applicable.