

October 28, 2004

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Water Bureau
Lansing District Office
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P.O. Box 30242
Lansing, MI 48909-7742

Attention: Mr. Timothy Benton, District Supervisor

Re: Phase II MS4 General Permit, MIG619000
Certificate of Coverage Number MIG610202
Annual Report, 2004

Dear Mr. Benton:

The Livingston County Drain Commissioner (LCDC) is submitting an Annual Report as required by Part I. Section B.3 of the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Subject to Watershed Plan Requirements, NPDES Permit Number MIG619000, and Certificate of Coverage (COC) Number MIG610202. Attached are copies of the LCDC's Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan (IDEP) and the Public Education Plan (PEP), which we are submitting for your review and approval as required by Part I. Section A.3 of the General Permit.

We are providing a brief summary of both the LCDC's and the subwatershed group's progress towards implementation of specific activities relating to Phase II public participation and education, illicit discharges and the other minimum measures. We have nothing to report per se on our IDEP, PEP and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative (SWPPI) as they have not been developed and/or approved as yet.

Subwatershed Group Progress

The LCDC is an active member of both the South Branch Shiawassee River (Upper-2 Shiawassee) and Huron River Chain of Lakes subwatershed groups. Both groups have been meeting regularly (every month with a few exceptions) since December of 2002 to discuss issues related to the Phase II Storm Water Regulations and to begin the process of developing a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for each subwatershed. The group as a whole is being facilitated by the LCDC and assisted by the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) and Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC).

The Huron River Chain of Lakes Subwatershed Group is modifying and expanding the existing Brighton Lake Watershed Management Plan, which was prepared by the HRWC to meet Pre-existing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements.

To date, both subwatershed groups have:

- Formally agreed upon allocation of the costs of developing a WMP and the decision-making process to be used in formulating the plan;
- Heard from community leaders in the Rouge River Watershed who have gone through the planning and implementation process;
- Taken two (2) tours of the Tollgate Storm Water Management Facility in Lansing to learn about innovative storm water management;
- Developed IDEP and PEP templates for members to use as a basis for specific plans;
- Displayed materials on watersheds and pollution prevention at various functions—including River Day, using a display board purchased by the LCDC for public education;
- Developed a Public Participation Plan (PPP) which was submitted to your office on May 1, 2004. As part of that plan, the following was accomplished:
 - Developed a Stakeholders List;
 - Formed a subcommittee to plan and promote the first Public Meeting/Open House;
 - Held the first public meeting/open house on October 13th at the Genoa Township Boardroom;
 - A meeting summary and a discussion of the comments received will be provided in the WMP.
- Began development of each WMP by:
 - Determining the geographic scope of the watershed
 - Determining the designated and desired uses that are being met, or are impaired or threatened
 - Reviewing existing water quality data
 - Collecting additional data through a Road/Stream Crossing Survey (with added sampling for indicator parameters)
 - Developing a list of significant pollutants and their sources and causes
 - Developing a draft set of goals for the watershed
 - Developing a draft water quality summary
- Each subwatershed group intends to complete and submit a WMP by November 1, 2005;

Livingston County Drain Commissioner Accomplishments

The Drain Commissioner's office has already begun to fulfill various components of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and the proposed PEP. The accomplishments for each are detailed below:

PPP

- Publicized October 13, 2004 Public Meeting publicized by:
 - Notice on WHMI 93.5 Livingston County Radio Station;
 - Notices in Newsletter sent to residents of Thompson Lake in Oceola and Howell Townships;
 - Notice posted in County Building;
 - Notices available at the counter in the Livingston County Drain Office;

- Notice printed in the following newspapers: Livingston County Press Argus, Detroit News, Tri-County Times and Ann Arbor News;

PEP

- Utilized SEMCOG's "Our Water. Our Future. Ours to Protect." Display at the following locations:
 - Huron River Watershed Symposium on September 27, 2004;
 - River Days on June 12, 2004;
- Provided tips in the Thompson Lake newsletter on how to improve the water quality in their watershed (South Branch Shiawassee River Subwatershed);
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive soil erosion ordinance on August 30, 2004;
- Provided the following SEMCOG brochures at the counter in the Livingston County Drain Office:
 - *Seven Simple Steps to Clean Water*: 100 copies; *Fertilize Sparingly and Caringly*: 100 copies; *Practice Good Car Care*: 100 copies;
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive set of policies governing stormwater management in new developments in January of 2002;
- Conducted Hazardous Household Waste Collection days on April 24, 2004, May 11 & 25, 2004, June 8, 12, & 22, 2004, July 13 & 27, 2004, August 10, 2004, September 25, 2004 and October 26, 2004;
- Hosted tours for local planners and elected officials of the Lansing Tollgate Wetlands on October 10, 2003 with 10 attendees and again on July 16th, 2004 with approximately 25 attendees;
- Livingston County Hazardous Waste brochures are available across from Drain Commissioners counter;
- Livingston County Battery Collection Bucket and ink cartridge recycling bags in County building lobby;
- Supported the SEMCOG Regional Water Quality Survey distributed in July 2004;
- Distributed Waste Reduction Guides to residents, local units of government, schools and county buildings throughout the year;
- Issued \$5,235.75 for clean-up challenge grants for the townships of Livingston County;
- Coordinated the Solid Waste Management committee for Livingston County.

This concludes the summary of the activities begun thus far that satisfy our Phase II stormwater permit requirements. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Mr. Timothy Benton
October 28, 2004

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