

The following outlines the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) Minimum Control Measure (MCM) planned activities for 2024. These MCMs are included in the City of St. Louis Park's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

MCM-1: Public education and outreach activities

Permit requirement:

Permittees shall develop and implement a public education program and distribute educational materials that inform the public of the impact of stormwater. The program shall include the following:

Activities to initiate:

- Select two high-priority stormwater-related issues:
 - Rainwater Rewards Program
 - Promote city yard waste programs, management, the importance of mulching and its effects of yard waste on water quality.
- Continue Adopt-a-Drain program in collaboration Clean Water Minnesota.
- Hold Metro Blooms Resilient Yards workshops.
- Continue to be a part of the Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition.
- Continue to promote stormwater pollution prevention throughout the city, including:
 - Partner with Clean Water Minnesota Outreach Program.
 - City publications and social media.
 - Partner with other cities, watershed and/or other organization's activities and workshops.
 - Continue Westwood Hills Nature Center educational programs.

MCM-2: Public involvement and participation

Permit requirement:

Permittees shall implement a public participation/involvement program to solicit public input on the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Activities to initiate:

- Hold public open house to receive comments on SWPPP.
- Ecotacular and other public events to provide stormwater outreach.
- Rainwater Rewards Program Plant Pickup Event at the nature center.

MCM-3: Illicit discharge detection and elimination

Permit requirement:

Permittees shall implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges into the city's storm sewer system.

Activities to initiate:

- Continue illicit discharge detection and elimination program:
 - Continue inspections.
 - Update mapping and roll out new ArcGIS online tracking app.
 - Provide city field staff training for illicit discharges.
 - Continue to educate the public about illicit discharges.

MCM-4: Construction site stormwater runoff control

Permit requirement:

Permittees shall implement and enforce a construction site stormwater runoff control program that reduces pollutants in stormwater runoff related to construction activity.

Activities to initiate:

- Continue erosion control site plan review, site inspection and enforcement.
- Continue to educate city staff and the public about the importance of construction stormwater management and erosion and sediment control.

MCM-5: Post-construction runoff control

Permit requirement:

Permittees shall implement and enforce a post-construction stormwater management program that prevents or reduces water pollution after construction activity is completed.

Activities to initiate:

- Continue to review plans and work with local watersheds to maintain compliance.

MCM-6: Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations

Permit requirement:

Permittees shall develop and implement an operations and maintenance program that prevents or reduces the discharge of pollutants from permittee-owned and operated facilities.

Activities to initiate:

- Repair storm sewer outfalls and maintain storm sewer underground vaults and other practices.

- Review future projects and identify potential stormwater best management practices that would reduce runoff and improve water quality on local street projects.
- Continue routine inspections and maintenance practices (i.e., street sweeping, storm sewer inspection, and maintenance work) in 2023.
- Continue the use of Cartegraph and GIS mapping in 2024 to assist with tracking inspections, findings, and recommendations.
- Roll out new online staff training platform and modules.