

Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council's Stormwater Management & Education Initiative

Municipality & County Conservation District Questionnaire

The Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council is a nonprofit organization whose mission is: *"To enhance and improve the ecological, cultural, and economic characteristics of the Pocono Northeast RC&D Area through projects and programs that promote the management, protection, and sustainable utilization of the Area's resources"*. In attempting to attain this mission, the Pocono Northeast RC&D Council has partnered with the local County Conservation Districts and several municipalities to provide information and educate municipalities and communities on stormwater management. The following questionnaire has been put together through a cooperative effort to gather information and feedback from municipalities on stormwater management. The information gathered will be assimilated into a 'Stormwater Management Handbook' that will be distributed to all municipalities within the Pocono Northeast RC&D Council Area for use and reference to assist municipalities and communities with choices and decisions related to stormwater management.

Please return the completed questionnaire no later than December 19th, 2005 to the:

**Pocono Northeast RC&D Council
1300 Old Plank Road
Mayfield, PA 18433
Fax# (570)282-7211 or (570)281-5379**

Needs

- 1) The Pocono Northeast RC&D Council has received a grant to produce a stormwater management handbook, what information would be most useful to you?

- 2) What would be the area of priority, regarding storm water issues, where you feel you need the most assistance? (i.e. ordinances; land use planning; engineering; education in the form of reference information and guidance and/or workshops; County help; Conservation District help; other) Briefly explain.

- 3) Would you be interested in workshops or more education on ways to handle stormwater? If so what is the best time and place?

- 4) What recommendations can you give to county, state, and federal agencies to better assist you with stormwater matters?

General Information

- 1) Does your municipality receive stormwater complaints at all during the year? If so, approximately how many?

- 2) Does your municipality have a stormwater ordinance and how old is the ordinance?

- 3) Have you noticed any stormwater issues related to different types of zoning found in your municipality?

4) Does your municipality have any issues with stream flooding, street flooding, property flooding, soil erosion, property/infrastructure damage?

5) How often do you maintain existing stormwater facilities and infrastructure?

6) What is your schedule for inspecting/maintaining stormwater facilities?

7) What is the increase in cost for maintenance if regular maintenance/inspection is not be completed?

8) Does your municipality allow for low impact development or growing greener subdivisions that allow nature to do the work rather than relying on structures for stormwater management?

9) Has your municipality been involved with any watershed assessments or studies? Has a watershed assessment been completed within your municipality?

10) Have you heard and are you familiar with:

- Clean Water Act _____
- Act 167 Stormwater Management Act _____
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) _____
- NPDES Phase II _____
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4's) _____
- Environmental Advisory Councils (EAC) _____

11) Does your municipality have wetland protection measures or riparian buffer provisions?

12) Does your municipality allow fill and development in floodplains?

Thank you for your time and effort in completing this questionnaire, so the Pocono Northeast RC&D Council can better assist your municipality and community!