

Did you know:

Local municipalities like New Hartford, Yorkville, New York Mills, Utica, Whitesboro and Clinton regulate the quality of water that enters the storm drain system?

These communities are called

MS4s: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.



MS4s follow state and federal laws to develop Stormwater Management Plans that include:

- Outreach and Education,
- Storm Drain Mapping,
- Construction Site Runoff Control, and
- Good Housekeeping at municipal facilities.



Remember, we all have a stake in clean water.

For more information:

- Oneida County Soil & Water Conservation District at 736-3316 ext. 3
- Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program at 798-5710.
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation at 793-2554.

Useful Websites:

- www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html
- <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater>
- www.oneidaswcd.org

Stormwater Pollution...

Be Part Of The Solution

How your construction site
can prevent water pollution.



Only Rain

Down the Drain!

A message from the Oneida Herkimer Counties
Intermunicipal Stormwater Coalition.

Erosion Control on Construction Sites Prevents Water Pollution



When a parcel is going to be developed, the existing vegetation is frequently removed to allow earth moving work to begin. Unfortunately, when stable, vegetated areas are replaced by large areas of bare soil, erosion can occur.



When rain falls on bare soils, the soil particles are washed away into streams and wetlands. This process is called sedimentation. Sedimentation is harmful to water quality and reduces the capacities of streams



If a construction site disturbs at least 1 acre of land in Oneida County, the site's owner is required to obtain a construction activities permit from the NYS DEC. Construction activities can include anything from ponds and single family homes to shopping centers and subdivisions.



Make a plan to control erosion on your construction site:

- Don't forget to obtain permission for your project!
- Protect existing vegetation as much as possible.
- Phase the project to limit the size of bare areas on site.
- Protect streams, wetlands, steep slopes and storm drain inlets from disturbance.
- Apply seed and mulch to bare areas.
- Use Best Management Practices in accordance with their specifications.
- Inspect all practices regularly to ensure proper function and maintenance.