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MS4 ANNUAL REPORT FORM

For Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)

Please see instructions before completing this form. If you need more space than allowed, please attach a document.

Abbreviations

BMP = Best Management Practice IDDE = Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination MCM = Minimum Control Measure SWMP = Storm Water Management Program TMDL = Total Maximum Daily Load WV = West Virginia

I. Sr	I. Small MS4 Operator Information					
1.	Annual report reporting period:					
2.	Name of MS4:			3.	Registration number:	
4.	Primary contact:			5.	Title:	
6.	Mailing address:					
7.	City:	8.	Zip code:	9.	County:	
10.	Telephone number:					
11.	Email:					

II. Iı	npaired Waters Information		
12.	Does the MS4 discharge into impaired water bodies?	□ Yes	🗌 No
13.		llutants of conce	ern in impaired
14.	Has a TMDL been developed since your plan was approved?	□ Yes	□ No

III. I	III. Fiscal Reporting				
15.	15. Include or attach a fiscal analysis of capital and operating expenditures to implement the MCMs. The fiscal				
	analysis shall include only those expenditures by the locality seeking coverage under the WV MS4 2009 General				
	Permit and not those for MCMs implemented by other entities. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 25, #13)				
16.	Please provide total capital expenditures for this reporting period.	\$			
17.	Please provide total operating expenditures for this reporting period.	\$			

IV. Coordination Efforts and Organization

18.	Please provide a description of the coordination efforts with other MS4s, county governments, transportation
	agencies, colleges, universities, correctional facilities, prisons, and any other entities regarding the
	implementation of the MCMs, including the status of any memoranda of understanding or other agreements
	executed between the permittee(s) and any other entity. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #9)

19. Please provide name and contact information for individual with overall program management and implementation responsibility, and if different, name and contact information of individuals responsible for each minimum control measure. Please attach a table of organization.

v. c	hanges to SWMP		
20.	Did any of your activities, BMPs, or measurable goals as outlined in your SWMP change during the reporting period?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
21.	Do you anticipate any planned activities, BMPs, or goals as outlined in your SWMP to change in the upcoming reporting period?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
22.	If anything has changed, please indicate the MCM and performance measure and provide a brie below, and attach detailed documentation of the changes, schedule of implementation, measur overall effect on your program. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #6 and #7)	•	
23.	Is additional documentation attached?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No

VI. I	VI. MCM 1: Public Education and Outreach (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 5-6)				
24.	Did you complete all the proposed activities and performance meas reporting period?	ures for this MCM for this	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
25.	Contact:	26. Phone:			

Per	formance Measure 1a: Program implementation			
27.	Were the proposed activities for developing a public education and outreach	— X		
	program implemented?	Yes	Partially	🗆 No
28.	List and briefly describe each of the public education and outreach program develop	oment acti	vities under	taken
	during this reporting period. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)			
29.	Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to developing	g the		
	education and outreach program for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General I	Permit, p.	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
	24, #3)			
30.	If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), an	•	•	
	solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If	you are pr	oposing any	
	changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above.			
	(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)			

Per	formance Measure 1b: Evaluation of effectiveness of public education and outreach efforts		
31.	Did you evaluate the effectiveness of the public education and outreach program?	Partially	🗆 No
	How did you evaluate the effectiveness of the public education and outreach program? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #2)		-
33.	Regardless of your answer to the previous question, have you identified new or better ways to evaluate the public's understanding of your program and water quality issues?	□ Yes	🗆 No
34.	If yes, please describe any changes you would like to consider to improve your evaluation of effe	ectiveness	of

Performance Measure 1c: Documentation and tracking of public education and outreacl	n efforts		
35. Did you track and keep records of your outreach activities?	□ Yes	Partially	🗆 No
36. For print, radio, and television media activities, did you keep records that include i) a description of the content or theme; ii) the date of completion of the materials; iii) the date of release or distribution, and iv) the duration of air time or publication? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	□ NA
37. Are your records available upon request?	□ Yes	🗆 No	🗆 NA
38. For pamphlets, brochures, and other finite printed products, did you keep records that include: i) a description of the content or theme; ii) the date of completion of the materials; iii) the date of release or distribution; iv) the location or placement of the materials; and v) date of follow up visits to replenish or transition to the next outreach product? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)	Yes	🗆 No	□ NA
39. Please describe any additional or alternative documentation and tracking of public a activities you are implementing.	education	and outreac	h

VII.	VII. MCM 2: Public Involvement and Participation (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 6-7)				
40.	Did you complete all the proposed activities and performance mean reporting period?	sures	s for this MCM for this	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
41.	Contact:	42.	Phone:		

	formance Measure 2a: Opportunities for ongoing public involvement and participation in the SW	MP	I
43.	Did you create, or are you in the process of creating, ongoing opportunities for the public to participate in the development, implementation, and updating of your SWMP?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
44.	Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to creating and maintaining ongoing opportunities for public involvement and participation for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
45.	If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), and any obstat solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If you are prop changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)	•	
46.	List and briefly describe each of the activities undertaken during the reporting period to create of opportunities for the public to participate in your SWMP. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24,		
47.	Describe how you evaluated the effectiveness of your public participation efforts (citizen attend hearings, requests for information on your SWMP, hotline activity, etc.). (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #2)	ance at pu	ıblic
48.	Describe the steps taken to ensure that public participation opportunities are ongoing and, if ne additional program maintenance activities in future reporting periods to ensure continued parti opportunities. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)		

Per	Performance Measure 2b: Communications with community, watershed, and environmental organizations				
49.	Did you establish a program for routine communications with community based watershed groups or other organizations?	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
50.	 50. Describe the steps taken to ensure that your programs for routine communications with community-based watershed groups or other organizations are ongoing, or any additional program activities that you believe may be required to ensure continued communications. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4) 				
51.	Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to creating and maintaining ongoing communications with community based watershed groups or other organizations for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
52.	If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), an solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)	•	•		

Per	Performance Measure 2c: Public availability of SWMP and annual report				
53.	Did you make your SWMP and annual report available to the public?	□ Yes	🗆 No		
54.					

VIII. MCM 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 7-10) 55. Did you complete all the proposed activities and performance measures for this MCM for this reporting period? 56. Contact: 57. Phone:

Per	formance Measure 3a: MS4 map			
58.	Were your proposed activities for creating and annually updating your MS4 map for the reporting period implemented?	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No
59.		ЛS4 map.		

Performance Measure 3b: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) ordinance development				
60. Has your municipality adopted an IDDE ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.b.3.b)?	□ Yes	🗆 No		
61. If not, please describe the activities or progress made in adopting or updating an existing ord an estimated date for adoption. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)	inance and p	rovide		

Performance Measures 3c and 3e: IDDE program implementation and assessment, and program tracking				
62.	Is your IDDE program fully implemented, including visual inspections based on a system of prioritizing outfalls and procedures for characterizing discharges?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
63.	If no, please describe obstacles, if any, to implementation, and an estimate of when your prog	gram will be	fully	
	implemented.			
64.	Were all your measurable goals met for implementing and evaluating an IDDE program	_ N		
	during this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	□ Yes	🗆 No	
65.	How many field assessments were conducted during the reporting period?			
66.	How many illicit discharges were identified during the reporting period?			
67.	How would you characterize the type of illicit discharges found (sewer cross connections, spill	s, illegal dur	nping,	
	unaware residents, etc.)?			
68.	How would you characterize the type of pollutants discovered in illicit discharges (oil and grea	se. fecal col	iform.	
	chlorine, paints, etc.)? Name the top five pollutants discovered or uncovered by your IDDE pro		- ,	
		0		
69.	How many corrective actions were taken to remove illicit discharges?			
70.	How many enforcement actions were initiated to eliminate illicit discharges into the storm			
	sewer system?			
71.	Have you attached additional documentation to better identify the nature and extent of the	□ Yes	🗆 No	
	program activities and accomplishments?			

Per	Performance Measure 3d: Public education on hazards of illegal discharges and improper disposal of waste				
72.	Did you conduct any activities for educating the public on hazards of illegal	Yes	Dortiolly	🗆 No	
	discharges for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	res	Partially		
73.	List and briefly describe each of the education and outreach activities undertaken durin	ng this re	porting pe	riod.	
	(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)				
74	Were any of these activities included in the public education and outreach efforts desc	ribod in			
74.	MCM 1?	inbeu in	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
75	How did you evaluate the effectiveness of the activities described in the list above?				
/ 5.	(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #2)				
	(,				
76.	Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to educating the	e public			
	on hazards of illegal discharges for this reporting period?		Yes	No	
	(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
//.	If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), and a	-	-		
	solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If you changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above.	i are prop	Josing any		
	(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)				
	(WV M34 2005 General Pennic, p. 24, 114)				
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Per	formance Measure 3f: Training for municipal staff on identification, reporting, and elimination of	f illicit discl	narges
78.	Have you developed a program to train municipal employees on illicit discharges?	Partially	🗆 No
79.	Did you conduct any municipal employee training during this reporting period?	□ Yes	🗆 No
	List and briefly describe the training activities conducted during the reporting period. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)		
81.	How did you evaluate the effectiveness of the training activities? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit	t, p. 24, #2)
82.	How many municipal employees were trained to identify and report illicit discharges? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #2)		
83.	Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to training municipal employees on IDDE procedures for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
84.	If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), and any obsta solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If you are prop changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)	•	

IX. I	IX. MCM 4: Construction Site Runoff Control (WV MS4 2009 General Permit , p. 10-12)				
85.	Did you complete all proposed activities and performance measures reporting period?	for this MCM for this	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
86.	Contact:	87. Phone:			

Per	Performance Measures 4a and 4b: Develop and implement an ordinance to address stormwater runoff from				
construction sites one acre or greater					
88.	Has your municipality adopted a construction site runoff control ordinance in				
	accordance with the requirements of the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II	Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
	Section C.b.4.a)?				
89.	If a program ordinance has not been adopted, have the proposed activities for				
	developing and implementing an ordinance to address stormwater runoff from	Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
	construction sites been implemented?				
90.	Please indicate the anticipated ordinance adoption schedule. (WV MS4 2009 Gener	al Permit,	p. 24, #1)		
01	Use your construction site and inspect hear reviewed and for undeted to include				
91.	Has your construction site ordinance been reviewed and/or updated to include	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
02	any new criteria during the reporting period? Is your construction site program being fully implemented to include provisions				
92.	for: i) plan review, ii) routine site inspections, iii) enforcement, and iv) record	Vac	Dortiolly	🗆 No	
	keeping and reporting?	□ Yes	Partially		
93.					
94.	Please indicate the number of construction site inspections during the reporting pe	riod.			
95.	Please indicate the number of enforcement actions during the reporting period (car	n attach			
	document).				
96.	Are enforcement records maintained and available upon request?	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
97.	Is there adequate funding to fulfill the program implementation requirements		Deutiellu		
	required by the WV MS4 2009 General Permit?	□ Yes	Partially	🗆 No	
98.	Briefly list and describe any activities outlined in your SWMP completed during the	past perm	it year relate	ed to	
	construction site operator and/or permittee site inspector training. (WV MS4 2009	General Pe	ermit, p. 24,	#1)	
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99.	Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to developin	-			
	implementation and assessment of a construction site runoff control program for the	nis	Yes	🗆 No	
4.00	reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)				
100	. If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), ar				
	solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If	you are pr	oposing any		
	changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above.				
	(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)				
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X. MCM 5: Controlling Runoff from New Development and Redevelopment (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 12-19)					
101. Did you complete all proposed activities and performance measures for this MCM for this reporting period?			🗆 No		
102. Contact: 103. Phone:					

Performance Measure 5a: Develop, implement, and enforce a program to protect water resources	by addressi	ng
stormwater discharges from regulated new and redevelopment projects		
104. Has your municipality adopted a stormwater management ordinance in		
accordance with WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.5.a.ii.A)?	Partially	🗆 No
105. If your ordinance has not been adopted, please describe the progress made towards final ordi	nance adop	tion
during this reporting period, and expected date of final adoption. (WV MS4 2009 General Perr	nit, p. 24, #1	L)
106. Does your (proposed) ordinance include language incorporating the development incentives		
described in the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.5.a.ii.A.3)?	□ Yes	🗆 No
107. Does your (proposed) ordinance include language incorporating the off-site mitigation or fee-		
in lieu alternatives to on-site BMP implementation as described in the WV MS4 2009 General	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
Permit (Part II Section C.5.a.ii.A.4)?		
108. Have you developed a process for reviewing and updating your ordinance and program		
implementation to address the adequacy of provisions for: i) requiring runoff volume		
reduction on new and redevelopment sites, ii) plan review, iii) BMP construction and	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
maintenance inspections, iv) enforcement, v) inventory and tracking, and vi) record keeping		
and reporting?		
109. How many projects were reviewed during the reporting period?		
110. What types of projects were reviewed (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.)?		
(WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #2)		
111. Provide a summary of the number and types of stormwater BMPs approved in new and redev	• •	
during the reporting period. Please list the BMPs according to the BMP specification number f	rom the WV	1
Stormwater Management Manual (2012). (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #3)		

112. Provide a summary of the number and type of projects that qualified for each of the development incentives described in the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.5.a.ii.A.3) during the reporting period. Please indicate if you have attached additional documentation. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #3)					
113. Provide a summary of the number of projects that qualified for any offsite mitigation or paymer described in the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II, Section C.b.5.a.ii.A.4) during the reportin indicate if you attach additional documentation. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #3)	•				
114. How many maintenance agreements were approved during the reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #4)					
115. Were any maintenance agreements recorded at the county courthouse?	□ Yes	🗆 No			
116. Provide a summary of the number and type of stormwater BMP inspections conducted by MS4 contracted agents (construction as-built, ongoing operation and maintenance audits, complaint Include (or attach) a summary of: i) the type and number of BMPs requiring maintenance or rep brought into compliance, and iii) the number of enforcement actions taken. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #5)	driven, etc	c.).			
 117. Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to developing and/or implementing and assessing a stormwater management program for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3) 	🗆 Yes	🗆 No			
118. If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), and any obstate solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If you are propred changes to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4)	•	ossible			

Performance Measure 5b: Long-term v	vatershed protection elements			
119. Does a local ordinance or equivale	nt document incorporate the watershed			
protection elements described in V	NV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No
C.5.a.i.A)?				
120. If yes, please describe how the permittee's legal authority addresses the following watershed protection				
elements: (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 18, #1)				
121. Minimize impervious cover.				
122. Preserve, protect, create, and				
restore ecologically sensitive				
areas.				
123. Implement practices that				
prevent or reduce thermal				
impacts to streams.				
124. Seek to avoid or prevent				
hydromodification of water				
bodies caused by development.				
125. Minimize impacts to existing				
vegetation (especially trees).				
126. Minimize impacts to native				
undisturbed soils.				
127. If the watershed protection elements have not yet been incorporated into a planning document or ordinance, please describe the actions to be taken to incorporate these elements. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)				
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Performance Measure 5c: Street and parking design assessments		
128. Were the proposed activities for assessing the current street design guidelines and parking requirements implemented?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
129. If this is your third-year report, please attach your report assessing the current street and parking design requirements, and recommendations and proposed schedules for incorporating policies and standards to maximize vegetation and minimize impervious cover where possible. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #8)		

XI. MCM 6: Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 19-21)			
130. Did you complete all the required performance measures for this N period?	MCM for this reporting	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
131. Contact:	132. Phone:		

Performance Measures 6a and 6b: Develop and implement an operation and maintenance program for all municipal facilities that includes prevents or reduces the discharge of polluted runoff			
133. Were the proposed activities for developing a pollution prevention and good			
housekeeping program for municipal operations implemented?	Partially	🗆 No	
134. List and briefly describe the activities outlined in your SWMP for the development of a pollution	n preventic	on and	
good housekeeping program for municipal operations undertaken during this reporting period.			
135. Do you have a pollution prevention plan for each of your municipal facilities as required by the			
WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.b.6.a)?	Yes	🗆 No	
136. Do you have an inspection schedule for conducting inspections at your municipal facilities as	1		
required by the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.b.6.a)?	Yes	🗆 No	
137. Are you tracking and maintaining records of inspection and maintenance activities for each	-		
	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
municipal facility as required by the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.b.6.a)?			
138. If you answered no to any of the previous three questions, please indicate your proposed sched	fule for		
implementing the requirements of the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II Section C.b.6.a).			
139. How many inspections were conducted at each municipal facility during the reporting period?			
140. List the top three problems that you have found while conducting inspections at municipal facil	ities		
	nics.		
141. Were these problems corrected? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	

142. Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to developing a pollution prevention and good housekeeping program for municipal operations for this reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #3)	□ Yes	🗆 No
 143. If not, please describe the progress you did make towards achieving your goal(s), and any obstate solutions such as revised implementation schedules or revised measurable goals. If you are prochanges to your SWMP goals or schedule, please include them in Section V above. (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #4) 		

144. Were the proposed activities for developing a pollution prevention and good			
housekeeping training program for municipal employees implemented as	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No
described in the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II, Section C.b.6.c)?			
145. Were the proposed activities for implementing a pollution prevention and good			
housekeeping training program for municipal employees implemented as	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No
described in the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II, Section C.b.6.c)?			
146. Did municipal employees receive training in accordance with the guidelines	🗆 Yes	Partially	🗆 No
described in the WV MS4 2009 General Permit (Part II, Section C.b.6.c)?			
147. How many employees received training during the reporting period? (WV MS4 2009 General Permit, p. 24, #1)			
148. Are you maintaining records of all municipal training activities (including training ag	endas,	□ Yes	🗆 No
learning objectives, instructor qualifications, sign in sheets, etc.)?		 	
149. Explain how the effectiveness of the training activities was evaluated (number of en	• •	-	
certified in specific good housekeeping skills, measurable improvements in cost or p		•	
maintenance activities, or as outlined in your SWMP). (WV MS4 2009 General Perm	n, p. 24, #	-2)	
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150. Did you achieve all the goals that you identified in your SWMP related to training m	•		
employees on pollution prevention and good housekeeping for this reporting period	•	□ Yes	🗆 No
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DID YOU KNOW?

In 1991, pet waste was labeled as a pollutant by the EPA, placing it in the same category as herbicides and insecticides, oil, grease, and toxic chemicals; and acid mine drainage from abandoned mines. Pet waste is a leading contributor to the pollution of Coal Run Stream.



City of Fairmont Code 941.01(r) defines pet waste as a Pollutant.



When I meet people unfamiliar with Fairmont State University, I often describe our campus as a jewel nestled into the picturesque hills of Fairmont, West Virginia. I can see their imaginations light up as I talk about the area, and the winding, clear rivers that cut through the verdant hills and mountains of Appalachia.

But that beauty is in danger. Our streams and rivers are being damaged by carelessness and neglected responsibilities. On behalf of the family of Fairmont State University, we are urging you to help us reduce pollution entering our most precious natural resource.

Please join my colleagues and me to help prevent storm water runoff pollution. Review the information in this brochure and embrace every opportunity to educate yourself and others on ways to prevent pollutants from entering our streams and waterways.

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GET THE SCOOP: CLEAN UP THE POOP





THE PROBLEM WITH PET WASTE

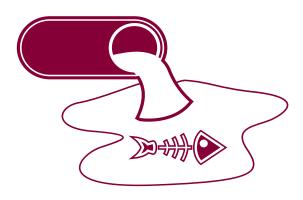
Your pet poops on the lawn. That waste contains bacteria that poses a health risk to humans. When it rains, the waste gets washed into the streets and flows down the storm drain into our local stream (Coal Run) and other waterways. From there it lowers the oxygen levels, increasing ammonium levels of the water. This reaction can kill aquatic life.

FAR FROM FERTILIZER

Pet waste does NOT make for a good fertilizer. It is actually toxic to lawns, causing burns and discoloration.

HOW CAN POLLUTED RUNOFF HARM STREAMS & RIVERS?

Most storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants. Whatever enters the catch basins in our parking lots and roadways goes untreated into our local creeks, streams and rivers.



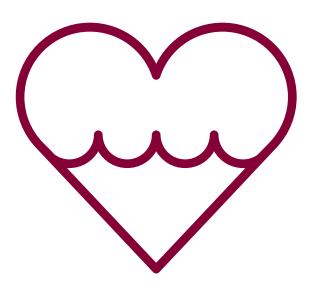


PET WASTE IS THE MOST COMMON CARRIER OF THE FOLLOWING DISEASES:

- Whipworms
- Hookworms
- Tapeworms
- Toxocariasis (Roundworms)
- Toxoplasmosis
- Parvo
- Corona
- Giardiasis
- Salmonellosis
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Campylobacteriosis

DOODY CALLS: HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

- Always clean up after your dog
- Be prepared when you go for a walk- most pet stores sell special biodegradable bags
- Fairmont State offers two pet waste stations behind Hunt Haught Hall and along Bryant St. near the parking garage
- Keep pet waste away from gardens and children play areas.
- Properly dispose of pet waste in the trash.
- Do NOT dispose of pet waste in the storm drains, ditches, or streams.
- DO NOT add pet waste to compost piles- it will not get hot enough to kill the disease organisms.
- Find a system that works for you and start scooping your pet's poop!



ARE THE SOLUTION TO STORM WATER POLLUTION

WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?

When rain falls or snow and ice melt, it either soaks into the ground or evaporates. When the water meets hard surfaces like roofs, paved parking lots, streets, and driveways, it flows as runoff, traveling down streets and gutters into storm drains- which carry it into nearby streams and rivers.

HOW DOES RUNOFF BECOME POLLUTED?

As water flows down streets and across parking lots and lawns it picks up pollutants such as:

- Yard trash like pet waste and grass clippings;
- Fluids that leak from cars and trucks like oil, gas, and antifreeze;
- Litter of all kinds;
- Fertilizers and pesticides;
- Sand, salt, and soil from roads, unpaved driveways, or construction sites

HOW CAN POLLUTED RUNOFF HARM STREAMS & RIVERS?

Polluted storm water runoff carries pollution directly into storm drains and then to our nearest stream, Coal Run, to the Monongahela River. Hundreds of storm drains throughout the campuses watershed carry polluted storm water runoff straight to Coal Run and on to the River. Contaminants such as, motor oil, gas, pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides, paint, trash, etc. are carried by storm water into our streams and rivers. These contaminants can destroy the water's ecosystem by killing fish, frogs, and plant life while making the water unsafe for us as well.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly everyone thinks that water pollution is caused by industry. In the past, most of it was, but today the #1 threat to streams and rivers is from polluted storm water runoff. Much of this polluted runoff reaches our streams and rivers through storm drains. Eventually that pollution flows into the Coal Run Stream and then the Monongahela River.

WHAT ARE STORM DRAINS?

Storm drains are found on city and suburban streets along the curb. They are on the sides of roads, bridges, and parking lots. Storm drains are holes or openings, usually with a grate over them, that lead to underground pipes. These pipes carry runoff water to nearby ditches, streams, and rivers.

IT'S THE LAW

The Clean Water Act mandated by the US EPA and administrated by the WV DEP establishes permit requirements for storm water.

Fairmont State University is a designated MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) community and is required to have a storm water discharge (NPDES) permit. The US EPA requires six minimum control measures.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.fairmontstate.edu/stormwater-program



10 EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP STOP STORM DRAIN POLLUTION

1. RECYCLE USED MOTOR OIL & ANTIFREEZE

Maintain your car and truck, fix any leaks. Take used motor oil and antifreeze to your local participating auto parts store or recycling center. Go to http://state.wv.us/swmb/ewaste/ consumersinformation.htm for a list of recycling drop-off sites close to you.

2. THINK BEFORE YOU WASH

Wash your car at a commercial car wash. If you wash your car at home, wash it on your lawn so the water is absorbed into the soil rather than running off your driveway. Using a mild vegetable (organic) soap will benefit your lawn as well as be safe for streams and rivers.

3. USE FEWER TOXIC PESTICIDES LESS OFTEN

All pesticides, even natural ones, are poisons. Some that seem safe to use in your home or garden can be lethal in the environment. Use pesticides sparingly and follow label directions exactly.

4. DON'T LITTER

Garbage that washes down storm drains spoils the beauty of our waterways and can harm/kill wildlife. Some litter, such as plastics, break down so slowly they can remain in rivers for centuries.

5. PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PET WASTE

Pet waste is raw sewage. Pathogens in pet waste can cause health hazards and increase fecal coliform bacteria in our streams.

6. USE LESS FERTILIZER ON YOUR LAWN

You can use less fertilizer and still keep your lawn green and healthy. Sweep excess fertilizer off hard surfaces. This contributes to green algae bloom, reducing oxygen levels in the river and killing aquatic life.

7. COMPOST YARD WASTE

Grass clippings, leaves and garden trimmings can block storm drains and use oxygen in water leaving less for fish and other aquatic life. Compost your yard waste to make a great "NATURAL" fertilizer.

8. DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROPERLY

Hazardous waste such as leftover paint, pesticides, solvents, fuels, and cleaners must be disposed of properly and never poured down a storm drain.

9. DISCONNECT ROOF DOWNSPOUTS

Roof runoff increases flooding and carries pollutants to streams and rivers. Disconnect downspouts from the storm sewers as per approved methods. Examples: installing rain barrels or rain chains. Contact your City Storm Water Department for advice and approval.

10. SPREAD THE WORD

Most storm water runoff pollution is caused by the actions of uninformed people. Share what you know and help protect our streams and rivers. When I meet people unfamiliar with Fairmont State University, I often describe our campus as a jewel nestled into the picturesque hills of Fairmont, West Virginia. I can see their imaginations light up as I talk about the area, and the winding, clear rivers that cut through the verdant hills and mountains of Appalachia.

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Fairmont State Earth Day



Fairmont State's Creative Sustainability Council takes Earth Day 2020 virtual! Make your outside walk more meaningful and

pick up litter along the way. It's a fun way to connect with friends, our community, and help the environment! Pick up 50 pieces of litter in honor of Earth Day's 50th anniversary, and win this challenge!

Be careful and maintain social distancing while picking up litter. Wear protective gloves when handling litter. Or use a trash grabber or poker so you're not touching directly. Wash hands often and do not touch your face. If you come across any potentially hazardous items, do not touch, and alert local authorities. Fairmont State's Creative Sustainability Council encourages recycling of all items that qualify, just make sure to check the recycling rules in your area.

See next page for top contributors and litter map.

Challenge Goal:

2,020 pieces

PICKUPS 444 /2,020

💾 Friday, Apr 17 - Friday, May 1

8 20 Participants



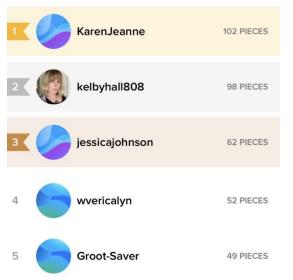
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Tap the icon below to share this Code with others to help reach the goal

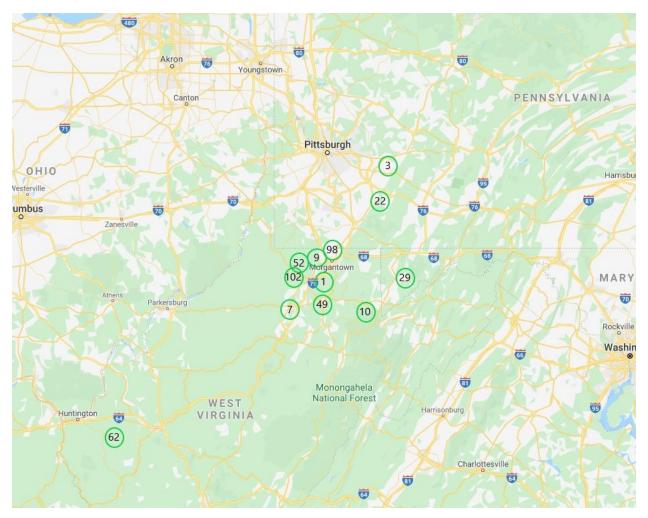
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Top Contributors



Pickup Location





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EVENT PHOTOS



Left: Wildflower packets mailed to students. Below: Photos shared by students growing their wildflower seeds.



Right: Greek Life Cleanup of Parking Garage Nov. 2020 Below: Greek Life Cleanup of Locust Ave. Nov. 2020







Left-Below: Greek Life Cleanup of Parking Garage & Locust Ave. Oct. 2020



Below: Outdoor Adventure Club, Athletics, & Creative Sustainability Council Cleanup of Future Falcon Trail Area. Woods at perimeter of campus along Hillside Drive. 762.8 lb. of debris collected. Items were recycled as able. Glass bottles were cleaned and taken to the new glass crusher and will be repurposed as sand to be used for Senior paver project at the Bell.



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