

Town of Nolensville Storm Water MS4 Requirements

The Town of Nolensville has received a Phase II Storm Water Permit Notice of Coverage (NOC) from the State of Tennessee that lists specific storm water requirements the Town must implement within its jurisdiction. The Town of Nolensville was added to the list of entities on the Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, otherwise known as MS4s, because the majority of Nolensville's storm water drains into Mill Creek which is on the 303d list. The 303d list is a list of waterways that have been declared to be impaired by pollutants to a point that they may not sustain some forms of aquatic life. The primary pollutants responsible for this designation are sediment and fertilizers. Some of the requirements the Town completed for this permit is forming a Storm Water Committee, drafting and the implementation of a separate storm water ordinance, public education pertaining to storm water issues, erosion prevention and sediment control training and construction site run-off controls. Nolensville is working with our surrounding MS4 participants (Williamson County, Franklin, Brentwood) to try and make our regulations as homogenous as possible and we are pooling our finances to help defray some of the costs incurred with some of the requirements.

The Storm Water Committee is appointed by the Board of Mayor and Alderman. The committee's main purpose is to help the Town to assure development in the Mill Creek watershed is accomplished in order to help keep our streams clean and to help prevent any further damage to Mill Creek.

The Town has adopted a Storm Water Ordinance for the Town that delineates the process to receive a land disturbance permit, previously called a grading permit, for a project. Prior to receiving a land disturbance permit the applicant may have to show the type of erosion control and storm water best management practices (BMP's) proposed to be used on the project. The ordinance also gives Town employees the tools to make sure applicants maintain their erosion control to where it functions properly and if it is not functioning properly the ability to access fees until the issue is corrected and functioning properly.

Nolensville is helping to fund television and radio commercials to help educate the community and make them aware of storm water issues. We are also working with Williamson County on advertising Hazardous Waste Disposal days when citizens can bring certain hazardous materials to designated locations to dispose of them properly.

We will be updating this site to keep you informed on where we are in our permit process and what we are planning in the future. If you would like to get involved with the Storm Water Committee, please contact Don Swartz at 776-3323.