

Town of XXX

Address and phone number

Date

Dear Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development Group,

The [town/city of xxxx] has passed ordinance [number] on [date of passing]. This ordinance deals with illegal interconnections to the [city/town] stormdrain system and includes specific requirements for commercial and industrial facilities in [town name] that have access to the municipal stormdrain system. **The [city/town] is willing to provide a speaker at a meeting to discuss this ordinance and basic good housekeeping measures to help keep [our Bay, river, pond, drinking waters] clean.** To schedule a speaker please contact: [name and contact information].

Illegal interconnections with the stormdrain system are responsible for flooding, beach closures, contamination of drinking water supplies and other environmental problems costing every taxpayer money each year. When rain falls on our roads, roofs, driveways and parking lots it collects oil, grease, trash, dirt and other pollutants from these surfaces and then carries it into the [town/city] stormdrain system. Once that rainwater, which is called stormwater runoff, flows down into the stormdrain it flows to our wetlands, rivers, ponds and the Bay. No filters, no treatment. This ordinance is part of an overall federal government mandate to regulate stormwater discharges.

Businesses in town [specify if only select businesses will be sent information] will shortly receive a letter and business self-inspection checklist, regarding this ordinance. The checklist provides an outline of the basic tasks that businesses should complete to comply with the ordinance. [if your town/city is in the Blackstone River watershed:] Additionally, information on the Blackstone River Coalition's voluntary business recognition program "In Business for the Blackstone" was also included. This program provides public recognition to businesses that complete a series of simple good housekeeping measures above those required by the ordinance that are designed to improve the water quality of the Blackstone River.

If you have any further questions please contact [name, phone, email] or visit our website at [web address]. The full text of the ordinance [ordinance name and number] is available on our website at [web address] or by contacting [name, phone and email].

Sincerely,

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