

## Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance Municipal Overview Factsheet

### **Purpose:**

As part of the requirements for the municipal Stormwater Phase II program under which the municipality is permitted; the municipality is required to institute an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance.

This ordinance has several objectives including:

1. Prevention or reduction of the amount of pollutants entering the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).
2. Prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4.
3. Require removal of all illicit connections and discharges.
4. Comply with State law and federal statutes and regulations regarding stormwater discharges and,
5. Set forth the legal authority and procedures to carry out all inspection, monitoring and enforcement activities necessary to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

Stormwater discharge is responsible for the flooding, beach closure and environmental degradation in our community. This ordinance is designed to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff. When water flows into the stormdrain it flows out into our wetlands, rivers and the Bay without treatment.

### **Basic Overview:**

The following provides an overview of the main areas regulated by the proposed ordinance:

1. Stormwater system interconnections. Connections to the storm water system including but not limited to sewers, process wastewater, wash water, indoor drains and sinks are illegal and must be removed.
2. Contaminated stormwater runoff from sites. All businesses and commercial properties engaged in activities or operations that may result in pollutants entering the storm water system must implement Best Management Practices. This covers almost all businesses in the municipality because owning a parking lot constitutes a potential pollution source as oil, grease and fuel spilled on the parking lot may become mobile when it rains.
3. Spill prevention. Owners/operators of commercial and industrial properties must provide reasonable protection from accidental discharge. Spill prevention must be practiced (ie: overflow containers, placement of materials away from sump pumps) and appropriate clean-up supplies must be available.
4. Water course protection from stormwater runoff. Commercial/industrial properties adjacent to water courses will be required to keep trash and grounds maintenance waste from water courses passing through or adjacent to their properties.

