



## Stormwater Management Program

### Why Have A Stormwater Management Program?

Stormwater begins as rain and picks up pollutants from land surfaces as it makes its way to a nearby stream or lake. As it comes in contact with streets, parking lots, and lawns, etc., it picks up trash, debris, and other pollutants.

Excessive amounts of stormwater can cause streams to overflow and result in damage to public and private properties. Therefore the City of Stockbridge is engaged in developing a comprehensive Stormwater Management Program to ensure the health and safety of its citizens.

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### Impacts of Urbanization on Stormwater

The character of stormwater runoff changes as land is urbanized or developed for residential, commercial, industrial or other uses. Paved surfaces result in more runoff entering streams and at a faster rate. This causes stream erosion and the destruction of aquatic life and its habitats. Runoff also picks up substances from urban land surfaces that result in the pollution of our streams and rivers. Trash, debris and sediments created from construction sites, leaking fluids from vehicles, and disease-causing bacteria from failing septic systems or pet waste are just a few examples of pollutants generated in urban areas.

### Did You Know?

More than 800 of Georgia's waterways already fail federal water quality regulations. Officials statewide blame runoff from parking lots, roofs, streets and new developments for many of these violations.



Stormwater pollution can impact our surface waters which directly impacts the source of our drinking water.



Uncontrolled stormwater pollution affects the way a stream or other water body looks and smells, making it a less pleasant place to be or live near.

### What Can You Do To Help?

- ◆ Don't blow leaves or grass into ditches or storm drains, because they will end up directly in a stream or lake.
- ◆ Don't overuse fertilizers or pesticides.
- ◆ Maintain septic systems properly.
- ◆ Don't pour anything in a gutter or drain that you would not want to bathe in.
- ◆ Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks.
- ◆ Take used oil and antifreeze to a recycling station. Do not dispose of these or paint in a storm drain.
- ◆ Keep pets away from waterside areas used by people.
- ◆ When walking your pets, pick up after them. Otherwise unhealthy bacteria ends up in our streams.
- ◆ Be an example to children by properly disposing of trash and toxic materials.
- ◆ Tell a friend how he or she can help eliminate or reduce pollution.
- ◆ Participate in a storm drain stenciling project and help get the message across that we need to "Keep it Clean, Drains to Stream." Small or large groups should contact Stockbridge City Hall to organize your project.
- ◆ Report any unauthorized dumping in storm drains or near streams and rivers by calling: 770-389-7900.

For more on what you can do to help, visit [www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com)