

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION (PIPP)**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION PLAN OVERVIEW**

This Public Involvement and Participation Plan (PIPP) will describe how public input will be solicited during aspects of the Storm Water Management Plan process. The PIPP will ensure the public is encouraged to participate in the decision-making, review, and implementation of the program and to address the required elements outlined in the administrative consent order (ACO-000136).

The Sanilac County Road Commission will attempt contact local decision makers, county residents, area businesses, and other interested groups to gain support and assistance in the implementation of the SWMP in the urbanized area of Sanilac County. Potential contacts include the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce, Village of Lexington, Lexington & Worth Township Civic Groups, Parks and Recreation Department, local businesses, and other community groups in the urbanized area.

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The DNRE Administrative Consent Order (ACO-000136) specifies three required elements for a PIPP. The minimum required elements outlined in Part I, A,6.a.b.c. include: providing public notice of the SWMP, participating in a citizen advisory committee, and coordinating with stream or watershed groups. The County is committed to meeting all three requirements during the term of the current permit and Certificate of Coverage (COC). The action and evaluation methods are listed on the SWMP commitments chart in the section labeled SWMP REPORTING. The requirements are listed below:

- The permittee shall follow local public notice requirements, as appropriate, when notifying the public that a storm water management program must be implemented. Copies of the approvable SWMP shall be available for public review, if requested, and the public shall be notified of when and where it is available. For example, the document will be public noticed in the same manner as a public meeting held by the Road Commission
- The permittee shall participate in a citizen or watershed advisory committee, if available, for the purpose of encouraging public involvement in all aspects of the storm water management program. The permittee may participate in an existing citizen or watershed advisory committee or may establish and implement its own. It is noted that the Village of Lexington has such a committee and the Road Commission may participate in this committee.
- The permittee shall pursue cooperation with local stream or watershed protection organizations, if any exist, by informing them of activities under the storm water management program, providing copies of the SWMP and pursuing input on the plan, seeking volunteer assistance including water quality monitoring assistance, and seeking ways to meet general permit requirements by assisting the local organizations with their ongoing programs for water resource protection and enhancement.

