



# Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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## Division of Water Pollution Control ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

### for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

*This fillable form may be completed online, a copy saved locally, printed and signed before it is submitted to the Compliance Assurance Section at the above address. Complete each section of this report.*

Report Period: From March, 2023 To March, 2024

Permit No. ILR40 0296

#### MS4 OPERATOR INFORMATION: (As it appears on the current permit)

Name: City of Bloomington Mailing Address 1: P.O. Box 3157

Mailing Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_ County: McLean

City: Bloomington State: IL Zip: 61702-3157 Telephone: 309-434-2225

Contact Person: Dominic Kallas Email Address: dkallas@cityblm.org  
(Person responsible for Annual Report)

#### Name(s) of governmental entity(ies) in which MS4 is located: (As it appears on the current permit)

City of Bloomington

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE ADDRESSED.

A. Changes to best management practices (check appropriate BMP change(s) and attach information regarding change(s) to BMP and measurable goals.)

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|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Public Education and Outreach             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Construction Site Runoff Control       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Public Participation/Involvement          | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Post-Construction Runoff Control       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Attach the status of compliance with permit conditions, an assessment of the appropriateness of your identified best management practices and progress towards achieving the statutory goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, and your identified measurable goals for each of the minimum control measures.

C. Attach results of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any during the reporting period.

D. Attach a summary of the storm water activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle ( including an implementation schedule.)

E. Attach notice that you are relying on another government entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

F. Attach a list of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

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*Kevin Kothe*

5/28/2024

Owner Signature:

Date:

Kevin Kothe, P.E.

City Engineer

Printed Name:

Title:

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**ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT  
NPDES PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES  
FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)**

**Reporting Period: April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024**

**PART 1. ASSESSMENT OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)**

**1. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**  
(conducted to impact a varied and diverse audience)

**BMP No. A1 – Distributed Paper Material**

**GOAL:** Distribute door hanger flyers in conjunction with inlet stenciling projects. The flyer contains a stormwater quality message to introduce the inlet stenciling project to the neighborhood being stenciled.

**RESULTS:** Educational flyers distributed to 550 households as part of inlet stenciling projects.

**BMP No. A4 - Speaking Engagement**

**GOAL:** Deliver at least two stormwater issue presentations per year at community events such as Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo, and Home, Lawn and Garden Day.

**RESULTS:**

1. Community-wide Presentations about storm water runoff pollution, clean water and watersheds:
  - At a January Facebook live event, Ecology Action Center (EAC) presented information regarding proper winter ice and snow removal techniques with a focus on storm water runoff pollution in the winter.
  - Staff presented to 23 educators at the ROE 17 History and Social Science Symposium about the EAC's environmental education programs (such as the classroom clean water program), volunteer opportunities (such as Sugar Creek Stewards and Storm Drain Stenciling), and on the importance of integrating environmental education into current curriculum.

- Staff presented to 18 homeschool students in the Homeschool Friends group about the water cycle and how they can prevent storm water runoff pollution.
- Staff presented to 33 Illinois State University (ISU) Environmental Economics Students about EAC program offerings such as Sugar Creek Stewards, Storm Drain Stenciling, and Tree Corps.
- Presented on ways to Green Your Office at the Illinois Assessors Conference, including information on environmentally sustainable lawn care practices to conserve water. Presented to 12 people.
- Presented to 13 homeschoolers (adults and children aged 5 years old-6th grade) about water pollution and the water cycle.
- Talked about clean water strategies and the water cycle to twenty 6th grade ESL students at Chidix Jr. High. (1 session, 20 people)
- Had 2 participants attend the presentation Green TOPics: Learn How to be Yard Smart where EAC staff discussed Yard Smart garden techniques.
- Discussed aquifers, where local drinking water comes from, the water cycle, and how pollutants get in local waterways with 25 students at the YMCA Summer Camp.
- Presented to 4 people about fall leaf management practices, stresses to watersheds, and general EAC clean water programming at the last installment of GREEN Topics, a lecture series with Green Top Grocery.

2. Informational booths including clean water protection, Yard Smart and stormwater runoff:

- Yard Smart Gardening Class in coordination with Heartland Community College (8 people)
- ISU NutriFest (56 people)
- Spoke with 73 visitors at the McLean County Chamber of Commerce Twin City Showcase about volunteer opportunities such as Storm Drain Stenciling, Sugar Creek Stewards, and Trash pick-up.
- Engaged with 44 people at the EAC's table at the Second Presbyterian Earth Care Fair.
- Talked to 7 Carle-Bromenn employees about volunteering with Sugar Creek Stewards, Trash Pickup Day, and Storm Drain Stenciling at their Volunteer Fair.

- Staff spoke to 21 students interested in internships and/or volunteer work at the EAC at the Illinois Wesleyan University Internship Fair.
- Information booth at the Master Gardener's Home Lawn & Garden Day with information about Yard Smart, Rain Barrel Workshops, and composting. Spoke with 63 people.
- Talked to 40 people about the EAC's programs including clean water programs. Discussed upcoming Sugar Creek Stewards Workdays.
- Spoke with 48 residents about Yard Smart gardening techniques at the Glorious Garden Festival.
- Had a booth at Pride fest where 163 festival goers engaged in environmental trivia questions about waste reduction, clean water, clean air, energy, and environmental justice.
- Talked to 82 ISU students and faculty about recycling and volunteer opportunities including tree corps and storm drain stenciling at Festival ISU.

#### BMP No. A5 – Classroom Educational Material

GOAL: Ecology Action Center will conduct in-classroom stormwater education for Bloomington 3rd grade classes. The program will teach students the water cycle, the watershed, and the negative effects of pollutants in storm water runoff.

#### RESULTS:

Clean Water Programs for 3rd grade classes at 10 schools, 26 classes, 536 students. This educational program included delivery to schools located in Environmental Justice areas of west Bloomington.

## 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/INVOLVEMENT

(conducted to impact a varied and diverse audience)

#### BMP No. B5 – Volunteer Monitoring

GOAL: The City will maintain a 24-hour phone line allowing citizens to be involved in monitoring discharges into the stormwater system.

RESULTS: The 24-hour phone line was maintained.

BMP No. B6 – Program Coordination

GOAL: The Ecology Action Center will facilitate the coordination of local groups in efforts to mark stormwater inlets with a “Drains To Stream” message. In conjunction with the inlet marking, flyers will be given to all the residences in that neighborhood, informing them of efforts to reduce pollution in local streams.

RESULTS: a total of 245 stormwater inlets were stenciled and 550 households received distributed material on stormwater runoff pollution and ways to reduce pollution

BMP No. B6 – Program Coordination

GOAL: The Ecology Action Center will conduct the “Yard Smart Program” which involves homeowners in modifying the way they maintain their yards by reducing lawn chemical applications, installing Raingardens, and utilizing Rainbarrels.

RESULTS:

1. Hosted Annual Yard Smart Garden Walk on July 8 showcasing area yards that utilize practices that reduce impact on clean water (52 participants).
2. Held 9 rain barrel making workshops with focus on stormwater runoff issues resulting in construction of 40 55-gallon rain barrels.
3. Coordinated Sugar Creek Stewards (60 participants).
4. Answered 73 inquiries from visitors and callers about the YardSmart program, rain barrels, and stormwater issues.

BMP No. B6 – Program Coordination

GOAL: The City will administer an Adopt-a-Street Program to allow community groups to volunteer to clean roadway right of way.

RESULTS: 4 groups are currently registered and active as Adopt-a-Street participants cleaning 2.5 miles of City streets.

3. ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION

BMP No. C1 – Storm Sewer Map Preparation

GOAL: City will maintain a storm sewer map.

RESULTS: The storm sewer map is maintained in the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) and updated regularly.

BMP No. C10 – Other Illicit Discharge Controls

GOAL: The City will maintain a 24-hour phone line allowing citizens to be involved in monitoring discharges into the stormwater system.

RESULTS: The 24-hour phone line was maintained.

BMP No. C10 – Other Illicit Discharge Controls

GOAL: City inspection personnel have, as part of their job, the task of looking for illegal discharges to the City's stormwater system.

RESULTS: City inspection personnel have been monitoring for illicit discharges.

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF CONTROL

BMP No. D1 – Regulatory Control Program

GOAL: The City has an Erosion & Sediment Control (ESC) Ordinance in place which regulates construction projects that disturb more than 5,000 square feet of soil, requiring ESC reduction measures. The City will administer this ordinance.

RESULTS: The City is maintaining the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance; 122 Erosion Control Permits were issued during the reporting period that included construction site inspections to ensure compliance with the Ordinance.

BMP No. D4 – Site Plan Review Procedures

GOAL: The City requires that an approved erosion & sediment control (ESC) plan be included in plans for a new or modified site development. This approved ESC plan is then the basis for inspection to ensure compliance with the ESC Ordinance.

RESULTS: The City has included review and approval of ESC plans as part of all site plan reviews.

BMP No. D6 – Site Inspection/Enforcement Procedures

GOAL: The City will perform site inspections for projects under construction to ensure compliance with ESC plan.

RESULTS: The City has performed site inspections for all construction sites requiring an ESC Permit.

5. POST- CONSTRUCTION RUNOFF CONTROL

BMP No. E1 – Community Control Strategy

GOAL: The City Subdivision Code and Manual of Practice require onsite stormwater detention for new developments and modified existing developments.

RESULTS: The City has enforced the stormwater detention regulations.

BMP No. E3 – Long Term O&M Procedure

GOAL: The City has developed a stormwater utility to pay for maintenance and operation of the stormwater conveyance systems throughout the City. This utility also grants credits to properties that own and maintain an onsite stormwater detention facility.

RESULTS: The City administered the stormwater utility.

BMP No. E6 – Post construction Inspections

GOAL: Post construction site inspections ensure that stormwater control measures are properly maintained and operating as planned. The City has a policy of regularly inspecting detention basins, especially after a heavy rain.

RESULTS: Public detention basins are inspected on a regular basis.

6. POLLUTION PREVENTION/GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

BMP No. F2 – Inspection and Maintenance Program

GOAL: Regular vehicle and equipment maintenance is performed on all City vehicles to ensure oil and fluid leaks are minimized.

RESULTS: Regular vehicle and equipment inspections were performed.

**BMP No. F2 – Inspection and Maintenance Program**

GOAL: Develop operation and maintenance program for detention basins.

RESULTS: Preliminary inspection of the detention basins in the City has been completed to determine baseline for current status of detention facilities. Public detention basins are inspected on a regular basis.

**BMP No. F6 – Other Municipal Operations Controls**

GOAL: The City performs regular storm sewer inlet cleaning to remove material that otherwise may have entered the MS4.

RESULTS: Regular storm sewer inlet cleaning was performed.

**BMP No. F6 – Other Municipal Operations Controls**

GOAL: The City operates a street sweeping program that annually cleans approximately 9,000 curb miles of street to remove material that otherwise may have entered the MS4.

RESULTS: The Regular street sweeping was performed.

**PART 2. STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT CONDITIONS**

The City of Bloomington is confident that the BMPs utilized are the best choice to meet the requirements of the NPDES Phase II Program to minimize nonpoint source pollution in the City of Bloomington, Illinois. All Best Management Practices have been implemented on or ahead of schedule as described in the City of Bloomington's 2021 Notice of Intent.

**PART 3. RESULTS OF INFORMATION COLLECTED AND ANALYZED**

Activities consisted primarily of stormwater management program administration activities. However, the City continually evaluates its' BMPs based on estimated effectiveness from published research. The City is in the process of evaluating water quality improvement from storm water detention facilities required to be installed as part of new and re-developed properties.



## **PART 4. SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES DURING NEXT REPORTING CYCLE**

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## 6. POLLUTION PREVENTION/GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

### BMP No. F2 – Inspection and Maintenance Program

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### BMP No. F2 – Inspection and Maintenance Program

GOAL: The MS4 monitors public detention basins and inspects them on a regular basis. The basins will be evaluated for proper operation and items which may require maintenance. A formal inspection checklist and recordkeeping procedures are implemented.

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**PART 5. CHANGES TO BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

The City continually evaluates BMPs based on estimated effectiveness from published research. The City has begun with an evaluation of water quality improvement from storm water detention facilities.

**PART 6. RELIANCE ON ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY**

The City of Bloomington is not relying on another governmental entity to satisfy permit obligations, although Bloomington does contract with the Ecology Action Center to perform Public Education and Outreach, and also to facilitate Public Participation and Involvement.

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LIST:**

The following City of Bloomington construction projects were active during 2023-2024:

- (1) Street and Alley Resurfacing and Repair
- (2) Sidewalk Replacement and Handicap Ramp Program
- (3) General Resurfacing
- (4) Grading & Seeding
- (5) CCTV Sewer Inspection
- (6) Sewer Rehabilitation
- (7) Utility Maintenance
- (8) Locust Colton Phase 3
- (9) Locust Colton Phase 4/5
- (10) Pavement Preservation
- (11) Sugar Creek Force Main Project
- (12) Sugar Creek Lift Station
- (13) Miller Street Sanitary Sewer