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Mayor's Message By Mayor Robert E. Nace



This issue of the Municipal Messenger highlights some of the important budgetary issues confronting Morris Township residents today. These issues include information relative to our municipal budget and the pending impact of the 3rd Round, Council on Affordable Housing Rules (COAH) which went into effect on June 2, 2008.

The State of New Jersey has continued to **reduce aid to municipalities and push mandates and other funding responsibilities onto county and municipal governments.** The lack of action by our state leadership to reduce the impact of property taxes on local municipalities is bankrupting our state. Over 100,000 New Jersey residents retire and leave the state each year, many due to financial considerations associated with taxes.

While much has been made of the new Highlands Act and its impact on property values, the new COAH rules will have a more significant impact on our future budgets and tax rates. In late 2006, Morris Township submitted our 3rd Round COAH plan expecting to have a significant affordable housing surplus which would carry through 2018. **The state has now changed the rules under which we were working, obligating us to build additional low and moderate housing.** The cost of this housing will be borne by anyone attempting to build residential and commercial buildings through either a developer's fee or growth share fee. The cost to the builder will make it improbable that we see any growth in our property tax base in the future. The building of a \$600,000 single family home will result in a \$9,000.00 assessment that will go towards the construction of COAH housing in the Township. Once again, Trenton leadership and the New Jersey Courts have mandated programs that will have a **significant negative impact on our economy and our local budget.**

In conclusion, as fall is upon us let us all offer thanks to the military servicemen and women who are serving our great country. Pray for their return - safe, soon, and successful.

Morris Township Preserves Delbarton Property as Open Space By Mayor Robert E. Nace and Deputy Mayor Richard A. Watson

Morris Township, using Open Space funds, in partnership with the Morris County Park Commission and the Trust for Public Land, is participating in a purchase of **188 acres** of the Delbarton School property that had been previously designated for a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC).

Recognizing that the market value of the entire tract was beyond the means of our Open Space funds alone, the Township reached out to other public and private entities to parlay enough money to complete the purchase. The \$13,750,000 purchase will permanently protect the land from development, and it will be managed by the Morris County Park Commission.

The joint purchase is the result of many years of difficult negotiations brokered by Mayor Nace and, before him by Mayors Rosenbush and Wotowicz. The final agreed upon arrangement will permanently preserve the land, provide adequate funds for the Monks at St. Mary's Abbey, and protect Wood Road from being extended.

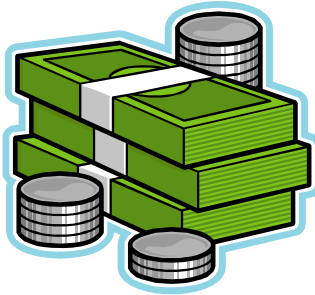
Special thanks are owed to the Monks who agreed to this deal. By so doing they sacrificed millions of additional dollars that they could have gained by selling to a developer. They also refrained from pursuing their appeal of the NJ Department of

Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) denial of their CCRC project that many experts felt had an excellent chance of success. **The Monks, consistent with their faith and mission, turned aside the potential of this additional money and agreed to what is best for the community.**

Our Open Space Committee regards this as our best purchase yet. As one member who had been on the Planning Board said "I voted for the CCRC because it was better than the sprawl of 38 homes, but open space preservation is better yet."

Special recognition must go to Ed Broderick who represented Delbarton for the remarkable patience he demonstrated over the long course of negotiations, to Dene Lee representing the Trust for Public Land for the leadership she provided throughout the process, and to Dave Helmer, Executive Director of the Morris County Park Commission, for making this project a reality. Other agencies participating in the funding of the project include the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and The Great Swamp Watershed Association. On behalf of the residents of Morris Township, we would like to thank all of the funding partners for their cooperation and support of this project.

Our 2008 Budget – Actions By NJ State Government Raise Your Property Taxes By Richard A. Watson, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Finance Subcommittee



The Town's 2008 budget is the result of a lengthy process. Beginning in late 2007, our various Township Departments each met with the Township Committee Subcommittees that oversee their operations. Each Department developed and submitted proposals for their capital needs, salaries, and other expenses. The Finance Subcommittee combined the other Subcommittees' recommendations, considered the surplus available as well as other revenue sources, and made budget cuts as necessary to keep our local tax rate within reason.

One factor outside of our local control that drives costs is the wage increases that result from labor negotiations. State-appointed arbitrators are legally able to coerce salary & wage settlements exceeding the inflation rate, lately approaching 4%! A community that appeals a coerced settlement or forces the arbitrator to render a decision is apt to fare even worse based on the results of past cases.

So why don't we "downsize" as private sector companies do? This is because **we are already "right-sized"** and serve a growing population with a stable number of employees. To say that Morris Township should cut its number of employees because other towns' budgets are bloated is like saying a skinny person should lose weight because other people are too heavy.

Some have suggested that the Township could save money by denying nonunion personnel the same level of raises that the union employees get, but the Mayor and Finance Subcommittee reject this approach as being short-sighted since it would create the perception of nonunion people as second-class citizens as well as a very real employee morale issue.

This year some unprecedented challenges came from two harmful State decisions – **the reduction of \$326,000 in state aid and six figure increases in our state pension bills.** In addition, our Township's tax ratable base declined 1.5%. Without these factors, our municipal tax rate would have been unchanged or even reduced.

Minimizing your property taxes is a prime consideration, but it's not the only one. If the only concern was to save money, we could arbitrarily eliminate any number of optional services such as leaf pickup and various recreation programs. But no one from either the public or the Township Committee proposed such cuts as feasible. We do provide a full range of services that our residents want and we do it efficiently.

Still, we're pleased to have delivered a budget increasing the tax rate by less than the inflation rate for the third straight year. We're also proud to say that again, **our local tax rate, as a percentage of the real value of your property, is less than half what you would pay in neighboring Morristown for a house of the same value!**

Morris Township's Historic Heritage – Washington Valley School House By Sarah Harris, Member of the Morris Township Historic Preservation Commission

Washington Valley School House, located in the Washington Valley Historic District, is on the northwest boundary of our Township. This school house was built four years after the Civil War in 1869, replacing an earlier one built on the same site in 1813. The school house is one of two that still stand in our community, the other one is the 1810 Mountain School House that appeared in the previous Municipal Messenger.

This one room school house was a place where thirty to forty children learned their three R's until 1913. It also served as a practice room for the Lafayette Brass Band for ten years in the 1860's. The Washington Valley Debating Society (men only) met here at night after chores were done for 20 years from 1856-1876. And a thriving Sunday School met each Sunday for 62 years from 1875-1937.

At present the School House is owned by the Morris School District and is leased to the Washington Valley Community Association which is responsible for its maintenance and preservation. The Washington Valley Community Association is made up of neighbors who use the building for meetings and neighborhood events. The school building does not have a bathroom but has an out house which is no longer in use.



This charming brick building is now on the State and National Register of Historic Places. There is a Morris County Heritage Commission Marker in front of the building which is located at the intersection of Washington Valley Road and School House Lane. Please feel free to contact us at sarahfh57@aol.com and look for information about other Morris Township historic sites in upcoming Municipal Messenger issues.

New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Third Round Rules Present Concerns

By Adrian P. Humbert, AICP/P.P., Morris Township's Planning Professional

On June 2, 2008 the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) adopted its Third Round Rules. Shortly thereafter, on June 16, 2008, COAH proposed amendments to these rules which are expected to become effective in October 2008. The regulations promulgated by COAH are intended to fulfill the requirements of the Fair Housing Act which mandates each municipality in the State to provide its "fair share" of housing for low and moderate income households. Morris Township has consistently been a leader in Morris County and New Jersey in fulfilling these legal and constitutional requirements.

As certified by COAH, the Township has provided for a total of 418 affordable units, with credits for 366 that have been built or have received bonuses. Of these, 200 are sales and 166 are rental units. The remaining 52 units are provided for in the Township's zoning ordinances. Along with these certified units, the Township has low and moderate income units built by the Morris County Housing Authority, Homeless Solutions, and other supportive and special needs agencies which may qualify an additional 50 units under COAH Third Round Rules. Despite the Township's major productive effort to create affordable housing over the last two decades, the new COAH rules will require even more units. Assuming that COAH approves all of the Township's prior and anticipated credits, there would still be an estimated need for approximately 86 more affordable dwelling units under the Third Round obligation.

COAH recognizes a number of compliance mechanisms by which the Township can have its plan certified. These include rehabilitation of existing deficient units, zoning for "inclusionary development", accessory apartments, conversion of market to affordable units, municipally sponsored units (e.g., Morris Mews), and supportive and special needs housing (e.g., ARC). However, the only way to provide for the number of additional units demanded by the Third Round obligation may be to rezone much of the scarce acreage available in the Township for development to a density of 8 housing units per acre, an action that is counter to our community's Master Plan. For this reason the Township Committee has joined in the New Jersey League of Municipalities' lawsuit which challenges COAH's Third Round Rules as unfair, onerous, and based upon faulty studies and data.

Unless a stay of the new COAH rules is imposed by the court, the Township must submit its new Fair Share Plan by December 31, 2008. COAH would then have 45 days to determine whether the plan was complete and would allow the Township a cure period of 45 days for any deficiencies. The new COAH requirements impose what is called a "growth share approach" of one (1) affordable housing unit among every five (5) residential units which are constructed and a nonresidential growth component of one (1) affordable unit for every sixteen (16) jobs created in the municipality. This obligation extends to 2018 and is based upon certificates of occupancy which the Township issues between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2018.

Recently, Governor Corzine signed into law amendments to the Fair Housing Act which, among other things, eliminated regional contribution agreements, known as RCAs. These RCAs enabled municipalities to transfer low and moderate units to other municipalities who wished them by paying fees established by COAH to the receiving municipality. The new law also establishes a statewide development fee of 2.5% of the equalized assessed value for all new nonresidential development in a municipality, including building additions. Some nonresidential uses are exempted and include churches and other houses of worship, educational uses, parking lots and parking structures, public amenities such as recreational facilities, community centers, senior centers, nonprofit hospitals or nursing homes, and certain transit-oriented projects defined by law.

The length and outcome of the pending litigation are unknowns. What is known is that the current COAH rules and pending amendments have caused great consternation, confusion, and anger among many of the State's municipalities. Underlying many municipal objections are serious concerns that the costs to be generated by creation of the 115,000 new affordable units that the State says are needed will ultimately fall upon the municipalities and their residents to cover. These costs are estimated at between \$6-7 billion over the next ten years, ultimately leading to further increases in our local property taxes.

Morris Township's 9/11 Memorial At Ginty Field Photo By Randy Williams

"To commemorate Morris Township citizens lost in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001"

Sean Patrick Lynch William A. Mathesen Barbara Shaw

Alfred Russell Maler Alexander J. Napier Edward W. Straub

Let Us Never Forget!



Morris Township Takes A Regional Perspective On Planning By Mayor Robert E. Nace

Morris Township has been participating for some time in Southeast Morris League for Strategic Solutions (SEAMLESS), a regional planning effort comprised of a number of southeastern Morris County municipalities. Members of the organization seek to better understand the regional impact of the substantial growth in development, to educate participants and citizens as to the likely effects, and to encourage a balanced approach to development which meets the needs of developers, tenants, and local residents.

Currently SEAMLESS is waiting for the completion of a regional traffic study which is expected to determine the impact of a major development project in Florham Park. Six local municipalities – Morris Township, Madison, Florham Park, Chatham Borough, Morristown, and Hanover Township – and the County of Morris committed funds to the Exxon Redevelopment Regional Traffic Study. This project in Florham Park, located on a large parcel of land off Park Avenue, calls for the development of approximately 500 age-restricted townhouses, a hotel, and the Jets training facility which was recently relocated to New Jersey.

At this time, the Township is also considering the formation of a similar regional planning organization focused on neighboring municipalities to the north and west such as Randolph and Denville. It would be our mission to actively looking for potential avenues to make the delivery of our services more efficient, while reducing the costs to our local governments.

Morris Township’s Capital Improvement Projects By James R. Slate, Morris Township Engineer

Morris Township remains committed to maintaining the quality of life for all residents through its capital improvement program. In a continuing effort to maintain and improve the Township’s infrastructure, the Engineering Department and Department of Public Works manage a number of capital improvement projects throughout the community. These projects include roadway reconstructions, drainage improvements, curbing and sidewalk repairs, road resurfacing, and other infrastructure improvements.

The Engineering Department has received state aid for the reconstruction of Burnham Road, and we have applied to the state for Municipal Aid to help offset the Township expenses for the reconstruction of Old Glen Road, Spring Brook Road (Phase II), and Mill Road.

A current list of capital improvement projects is provided for your information:

<p><u>Road Resurfacing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Drive • Burnham Parkway • Center Avenue • Lake Valley Road <p><u>Road Reconstruction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Glen Road Reconstruction • Turtle Road Reconstruction • Armstrong Road Reconstruction <p><u>Parking Lots</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginty Field Parking Lot Expansion • Police Department Parking Lot Improvements <p><u>Sidewalk Repairs – Elimination of Tripping Hazards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspen Way • Albert Avenue • Baer Court • Brandywine Terrace • Carton Road • Cobblestone Lane • Columbia Road • Copperfield Way • Delmar Avenue • Defarge Way 	<p><u>Sidewalk Repairs – Elimination of Tripping Hazards (cont.)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dickens Court • Eagle Nest Road • Exeter Lane • Fairchild Avenue • Fairview Place • Foote’s Lane • Inamere Road • Ironwood Road • James Street • Jason Lane • Locust Street • Lohman Road • Manette Road • Norwood Court • Olmstead Road • Robin Court • Trent Court • Vom Eigen Drive • Wren Court • Wyndmoor Drive <p><u>Other Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Department Generators • Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades 	<p><u>Drainage Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandria Road • Barnstable Court • East Drive • Fox Chase Drive • Junard Drive • Knollwood Road • Netherton Terrace • Starlight Drive • Victoria Lane • Washington Valley Road • Willison Park • Willow Spring Drive • Woodland Avenue • Woodruff Road <p><u>Stream Restorations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenfield Stream Restoration • Vom Eigen Stream Restoration <p><u>Traffic Signal Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia/Whippany/Lindsley • Columbia/Normandy Parkway/ Normandy Heights Road • Hanover/Burnham/Stiles
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or refer to your Municipal Calendar for
more information on key dates for Morris
Township meetings & other activities.

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Deer Management Program Gets Underway

For the fourth consecutive year, the Township of Morris began its deer culling program with bow and arrow season on September 13, 2008. This program will continue until Feb. 21, 2009 as permitted by law. Firearms will be used between December 3, 2008 and February 14, 2009, but only on large tracts of land.

Licensed volunteer hunters are participating in the culling program. They have been screened and issued permits by the police department and are working under police supervision.

Substantial precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of our community including the use of elevated tree stands. No one will be permitted to walk through a neighborhood with any loaded weapon whatsoever. By law, hunting must be at least 450 feet (or, 1-1/2 football fields) from any building.

Typical culling hours will be in the mornings for up to three hours beginning at dawn and/or early evening to dusk. Bright orange signs will be placed near the culling station locations. Homeowners in proximity to culling stations will also receive notices to avoid undue alarm.

If you have any questions about this program, please call Patrolman Steven Summerer at Police Headquarters at (973) 326-7450 or (973) 539-0777.

Mo'town Grapplers Wrestle with Nature at Tucker Field

Reprinted from Prior Morris Township News Release



Members of the Mo'town Grapplers Club brave the weather to clean up Morris Township's Tucker Field

An evening of heavy rain and cool, breezy weather and a day of hot sun did not deter the hardy members of the Mo'town Grapplers Club from contributing hours of volunteer labor for a special clean-up project at Morris Township's Tucker Field in the Collinsville section. Faced with an intensive, wild overgrowth of shrubs and invasive plants, these Morris Township, Morristown, and Morris Plains area youth wrestlers and their parents braved the elements and provided over 100 hours of effort to bring Tucker Field back to A-1 condition.

Morris Township Recreation Advisory Committee member Betty Staley, a resident of the Collinsville neighborhood, remarked after the project was completed that these youth athletes "did a fantastic job" and made the park "sparkle".

The athletes from the Mo'town Grapplers Club entered the project with an eye on gaining community service credit toward resident wrestling camp scholarships presented by the Club. Each year the Club provides several thousand dollars worth of scholarships to club members for camp, off-season wrestling clubs, and tournament fees.

Project Coordinator Karla Tranfield stated that, in the past, the kids wrote essays to earn camp scholarships. The board members decided to try community service this year as an alternative. "We receive such great support from the towns every year that it seemed a natural fit for a group of athletes to contribute back to a Parks and Recreation program. It also offered another way for the kids to work together as a team."

Township Parks and Recreation Director Bill Foelsch was thrilled to have the Club's assistance. "This clean-up was a project we have wanted to complete for some months, and the Club's efforts have made a very significant contribution to our Clean Community program this Spring." Foelsch noted that the Township will be seeking volunteer assistance for clean-up and trail development projects at a number of parks this year.

Wrestler Aaron Flitcroft, a fifth grader from Morris Township, commented, "It was fun to work with my wrestling buddies and do something for our town. I think we really got something accomplished." Derek Campbell, a fifth grade wrestler from Morris Plains added, "It was good to work with my teammates and do something for Morris Township. We wouldn't have such a great wrestling program without the support of the towns. I hope kids won't get poison ivy now when they look for lost baseballs!"

The Mo'town Grapplers will be keeping their skills sharp until the season begins in November. Registration for the 2008-2009 season opens in October. The Mo'town Grapplers Club is the organization that runs the Morristown Junior Colonials Wrestling program. The Club is open to all kids in the Morris School District sending area from first through eighth grade. You can check out more pictures of the kids doing the clean-up project and also wrestling on the Grapplers web site www.motowngrapplers.com.

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Morris Township Establishes Targeted Enforcement Areas By Police Captain John McGuinness



Morris Township Patrolman Powell using the radar gun on Fairchild Avenue at Raymond Road to enforce residential speed limits.

There are speeders on my streets! The number of cars using my street is a hazard to our neighborhood! There are accidents all the time, and our children are not safe! Does this sound like your neighborhood?

Each year the Morris Township Police Department receives many calls from our residents with complaints about traffic conditions in their neighborhood. Rest assured that your Police Department looks at every complaint and will work with you to find the most practical solution to this growing problem.

At the end of 2007, Mayor Robert Nace announced a Township-wide initiative to address the traffic-related concerns of our residents, especially where we have substantiated speeding complaints, a significant accident history, or other issues that require some type of traffic calming measure. The initiative is known as Targeted Enforcement Areas and assesses traffic complaints from a three point approach: engineering, education, and enforcement.

Engineering: We will use a 'traffic classifier' that will provide us with accurate data on vehicle speeds and volume to determine if and when enforcement action is necessary. We have added street signs, provided additional pavement markings, and even reduced speeds in some locations. Changes to traffic patterns require approval from our governing body or, in many cases, from the State of New Jersey.

Education: At times we will place a decoy patrol vehicle on a street to slow traffic down. We will follow this up with an officer ready to give traffic violators a warning or issue a traffic summons to offenders. We have also purchased a Speed Trailer that displays the speed of a vehicle, again trying to remind drivers to please slow down.

Enforcement: In 2008 we have identified a number of our neighborhood streets as special Targeted Enforcement Areas. Patrol Officers are assigned to these locations in the target areas to aggressively enforce violations ranging from speeders and cell phone users to intoxicated drivers. We have applied for and received overtime grants from the State of New Jersey to make our streets safer by increasing the number of enforcement hours. We will use marked and unmarked vehicles for enforcement as well as conventional and unconventional means to address the problem. We will continue this enforcement effort for the safety of our residents.

We will continue to keep abreast and explore the best technological and financial means to employ traffic calming measures in our community. While many of these solutions take months and sometimes years to implement, by working together we can make and keep our roads as safe as possible. It all begins with you – buckle up, don't drink and drive, and obey posted speed limits.



We hope that you and your family enjoy being Morris Township residents. As you know, being a resident of Morris Township also means being a good member of our community. As a good citizen, we ask that you do whatever you

can, both at home and at work, to prevent pollutants from entering our rivers, streams, lakes, and drinking water.

We also hope that you find this brochure a useful tool that makes it easier for you to learn about and access information about our municipal storm water management program.

By following the "Easy Things You Can Do To Keep Our Water Clean," you will help reduce or eliminate pollutants from entering the drinking supply for your community, county, and neighbors in New Jersey.

Thank you.

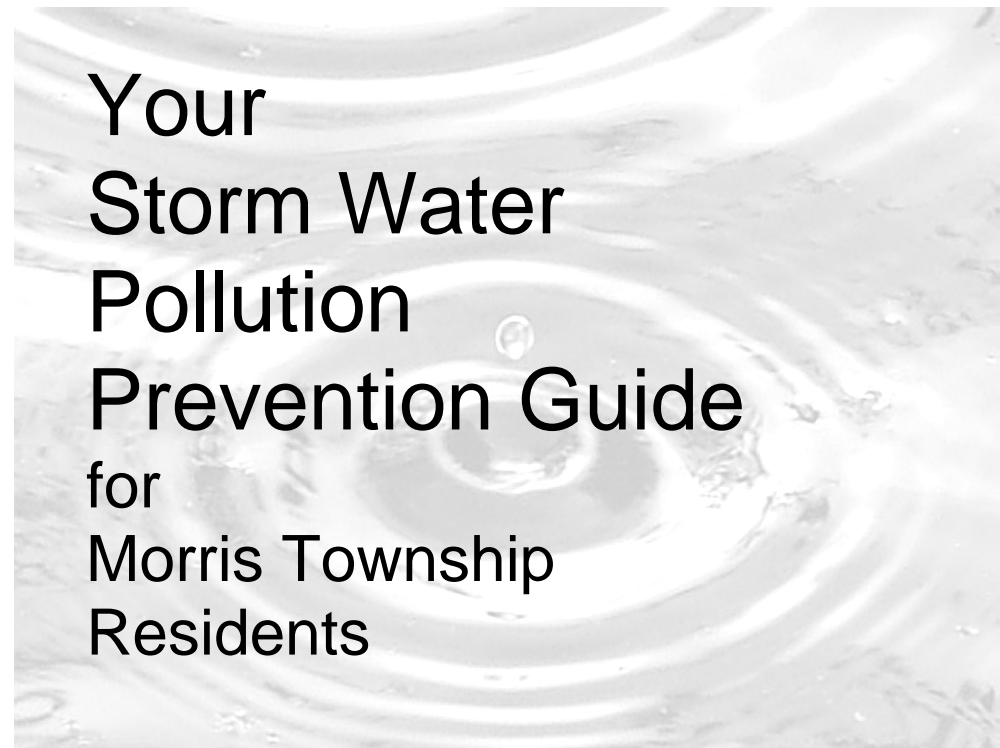
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Or...How to Make Everyday Household Decisions that will Protect our Streams, Rivers, Lakes, and Drinking Water... It's Up to You!

For More Information, Please Visit the Morris Township Website: www.morristwp.com

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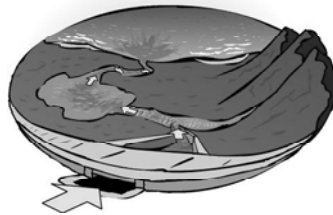
WHAT IS STORM WATER POLLUTION?

Storm water pollution is a form of nonpoint source pollution or pollution which comes from everyday activities such as littering, wrongful disposal of household hazardous products, changing motor oil, over fertilizing lawns and improperly managed farmland, washing cars, overuse of pesticides, and de-icing.

Every day we make decisions that can result either in water protection or pollution.

Daily actions ranging from changing the oil in the family car to using a household cleaner to treating our lawns can all have an effect on the quality of water that flows from our yards, driveways, and roads into storm drains and ultimately our streams, rivers, lakes, and surface drinking water.

Storm Drains



EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN...

1. KNOW YOUR STORM DRAIN

Know where your storm drains are located. Please assist us by keeping the tops clean.



2. MANAGE YOUR YARD FOR CLEAN WATER



Do not place piles of leaves, grass, or yard waste less than 10 feet from your storm drain. Grass and leaves that are washed down gutters and streets into storm drains make their way straight to area waterways. Yard debris adds unwanted and damaging nutrients to our streams, rivers, and lakes, in addition to clogging storm drains and accelerating flooding. Keep your storm drains clear and clean of yard debris and litter.



Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides. Test your soils to see if you need a fertilizer (contact Rutgers Extension & Research at 973-285-8308), and don't apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted. When using fertilizers, follow the directions and use slow-release fertilizers to prevent loss of nitrogen. For pesticide information, contact the office of New Jersey Pesticide Control at 609-984-6302.

Reduce your lawn. Use native trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers which require less water and fertilizers. Use native ground cover on slopes and stream banks to reduce run-off of water and erosion. Contact Morris County Park Commission's Horticulture Department at 973-326-7600.

3. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!

Hazardous products include many household and commercial cleaning products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints in addition to fertilizers and pesticides. Do not dispose of them in storm drains or let materials run into storm drains from your yard or driveway.



Consider using alternatives whenever it is possible. Use and dispose of hazardous waste appropriately:



- Read the product label
- Recycle used motor oil
- Keep your car in good repair to eliminate leaking oil and antifreeze
- Contact the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for hazardous waste recycling and disposal. Call them at 973-285-8387 or visit their website at www.mcmua.com.

4. CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Yes, that's right! You are required to clean up your pet's waste in your yard as well as on the street, along trails, and in our parks. Use newspaper, bags, or pooper-scoopers to pick up pet waste. Dispose of it in a sealed bag for garbage pick-up, in specially marked receptacles in our parks, or flush it down the toilet into our municipal sewage treatment system. Remember, it's still sewage, and we don't want it in our streams, river, lakes, and drinking water!