



Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Shares Community Benefits of Stormwater Management

Ongoing implementation of the Regional Stormwater Management Program enables local municipalities to meet required pollution reduction measures

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, Pa. (April 14, 2023) Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) today announced that its Stormwater Management Division continues successful implementation of the Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP) throughout its 32-member municipalities. The RSMP stems from the Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983, in which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated the governance of stormwater and reduction of pollutants entering the Chesapeake Bay.

“WVSA’s Stormwater Management Division is pleased to report the ongoing implementation of its RSMP, which benefits our local communities and enables them to satisfy mandated pollution reduction requirements,” says Jeff Colella, Stormwater Division Manager, WVSA. “Since 2017, and despite upheavals amid the 2020 pandemic, we’ve continued serving our communities and completing projects that improve our environment and enable local municipalities to satisfy stormwater mandates.”

To date, the WVSA continues street sweeping, cleaned 2,264 catch basins and replaced 631 of them throughout its member municipalities. In addition, absorbent rain gardens were installed at Korn Street Park, Kingston and the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center, Plains Twp. Separately, a free workshop welcoming local residents to learn about the environmental benefits of rain barrel installations was held on September 24th at Kirby Park. Also, essential stream bank restorations designed to improve and protect community infrastructures were constructed near West Liberty St. and along Independence Blvd., Hanover Twp.

“Minimizing stormwater runoff is an ongoing task that helps protect our resources and communities,” adds Colella. “Our Stormwater Management Division and environmental partners remain committed to improving stormwater infrastructure and encouraging collaborative approaches that further ensure such enhancements.”

For more information on stormwater management or to view local project videos, visit wvsa.org/stormwater-management.

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