

Division of Surface Water
NPDES Small MS4 General Permit
(OHQ000003) Annual Reporting Form

Instructions for completing this form

- OHQ000003 requires that this form be used when submitting annual reports. You may request approval to use your own reporting format.
- Annual Reports are due annually on or before April 1st.
- Complete the form and sign and date the certification statement below
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- When complete, submit this Annual Report form to the following address:
 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 Division of Surface Water
 Storm Water Program-Small MS4
 P.O. Box 1049
 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

General Information

Small MS4 Annual Report for Year: 2025		Ohio EPA Facility Permit Number: 1GQ10002*DG	
Name of MS4: Clermont County & Others			
Mailing Address: 101 E Main St			
City: Batavia		State: OH	Zip Code: 45103
Country: USA		County: CLERMONT	
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Include or attach a Table of Organization. Indicate who (name and contact information) is responsible for overall management and implementation of your program, and if different, each minimum control measure of your program. Identify how development and implementation across multiple positions, agencies and departments occur. Also, identify any Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) or other such agreements that exist.

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Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Applicant Name: John McManus	Title: Program Manager
Signature: Electronically submitted by mcmanus	Date: Electronically submitted on 03/30/2026

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Estimate Your Permit Area of Total Population: 200000

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Theme or Message	Target Audience	% Target Audience	Effective
Web Site Education Materials	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Maintain information on current news/events, BMP and pollution prevention fact sheets, educational materials, regulations & more.	Storm water educational materials for a variety of topics at www.clermontswcd.org and www.savelocalwaters.org .	Those living and doing business in Clermont County; educators	100.00	Yes

Summary of Results: www.clermontswcd.org: 5,855 views of home page.

Regional Storm Water Collaborative (www.savelocalwaters.org): 17,242 page visits.

Comments:

K-12 School Programs	Clermont Soil & Water	20 programs per year in 5 school districts	Community Outreach and Education Programs (multiple topics)	K-12 School Children	60.00	Yes
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Summary of Results: Clermont Soil & Water gave 11 school programs that reached approximately 526 students. Additionally, the SWCD Education Specialist gave an additional 6 programs reaching 170 adults. Programs included Incredible Journey, wetlands, microplastics, fish, macroinvertebrates, habitat, water chemistry and soils and general water quality pollution (Enviroscape programs).

Also, Clermont Soil & Water conducted demonstrations on its stream table during Natural Resources Day at the Clermont County Fair. Approximately 200 people viewed the demonstration. At the Soil & Water booth that was present for the entire fair, a large map showing major watersheds in the county was on display, and visitors could post notes on the map where they live, stating how they will protect their watershed. A total of 44 notes were posted.

In 2024, Clermont SWCD began shifting the focus of its education programs to high school students and adults. To assist with this, and still allow us to reach K-8 students, the SWCD Education Specialist created "loaner trunks" that include educational materials for five different topics, including watersheds for 4-8 students (primarily Enviroscape), water cycle (K-3), soil, wildlife and worms.

Comments:

Pond / Retention Basin Management Clinic	Clermont Soil & Water	1 pond clinic, 50 attendees	Pond and retention basin maintenance	Pond / basin owners	40.00	Yes
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Summary of Results: Clermont Soil & Water held its annual pond management clinic on April 15. Topics include maintenance, aeration and weed control. 20 people attended.

Comments:

Newsletter Articles	Clermont Soil & Water	Minimum 4 storm water-related articles per year in Clermont Conservation Quarterly newsletter	Community Education and Outreach	Those living and doing business within Clermont County	100.00	Yes
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Summary of Results: Quarterly newsletters posted to <https://www.clermontswcd.org/newsletters/>, sent electronically through Constant Contact (2,032 sent, 983 opened, 48% open rate) and direct mailed (476mailed in 2025). Newsletters are also posted at www.clermontswcd.org/newsletters. There were 286 views of the newsletter home page in 2025.

17 total articles (5 educational, 12 event notices): The spring newsletter included an article on an educational article on rain barrels as well as notices about the art event and upcoming workshops, information on native plants for streambank stabilization, and notices for the upcoming Pond Clinic, Spring Litter Cleanup and the 2025 Landowner Conservation Series. The summer newsletter included results from the Spring Litter Cleanup, and notices for the upcoming Ohio River Sweep, Master rain gardeners course, and scheduling educational programs and field trips. The fall newsletter included an article on rain gardens, a review of the stream table program at the county fair, and an upcoming tire disposal event. The winter newsletter included educational articles on de-icing alternatives to salt and planned developments, and an article announcing the 2026 Spring Litter Cleanup logo design contest.

Comments:

Rain Garden / Rain Barrel Education Program	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont Park District, Regional Stormwater Collaborative	Host 1 rain barrel workshop, Sell 50 rain barrels; 1 rain barrel art event, 1 maintain rain garden web site	Yard Care / Residential Runoff	Clermont County property owners	100.00	Yes
<p>Summary of Results: On March 19, Clermont Soil & Water and the Clermont Park District hosted a rain barrel workshop attended by 30 people. Attendees learned how to assemble and install a rain barrel, and took home a total of 44 rain barrels. Clermont SWCD sold 2 additional rain barrels as part of its conservation plant sale.</p> <p>The Rain Garden Central web site was maintained at www.clermontswcd.org/rain-gardens-barrels/. There were 164 Page Views for the home rain garden/rain barrel page.</p> <p>Clermont Soil & Water and the Regional Storm Water Collaborative partnered again with the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden for the 13 Rain Barrel Art Project. After collecting 113 entries, 40 artists were chosen to transform rain barrels into works of art to promote conservation and water quality. The selected artists spent the winter preparing and painting their barrels. In April, their works of art were displayed at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, where nearly 188,157 visitors saw their creative talents on display. Each barrel was auctioned with \$11,380 in proceeds supporting local conservation efforts. The auction winners can then capture stormwater while appreciating their works of art.</p>						
Comments: N/A						
Water Management & Sediment Control (WMSC) Education Programs	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Planning Department	Conduct 1 training session on WMSC regulations	Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs	Homebuilders / developers	100.00	Yes
<p>Summary of Results: On May 6, Clermont Soil and Water and the Clermont County Planning Department gave a presentation to the Ohio Valley Development Council that reviewed the county's Water Management & Sediment Control regulations and inspection process, and the importance of preserving stream buffers. Approximately 15 people attended.</p> <p>On May 21, Clermont Soil & Water partnered with Butler, Hamilton and Warren County SWCDs to host a post-construction water quality workshop. 51 people attended the workshop.</p> <p>Clermont Soil and Water and the Regional Storm Water Collaborative hosted an Erosion & Sediment Control Field Day on September 25 at the Clermont County Fairgrounds. The event included field demonstrations of a variety of construction BMPs and a presentation from the owner and president of Coyle SWPPP Professionals. 72 people attended.</p>						
Comments:						
Group Education Programs	Clermont Soil & Water	3 group education programs per year	Community Education and Outreach Programs (multiple topics)	General Public	100.00	Yes
<p>Summary of Results: The Clermont Soil & Water Education Coordinator and other staff conducted 6 group education programs in 2025, including 4 for Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists (OCVN) programs that addressed watersheds, aquatic life and stormwater management (104 total participants - 40 in Jan 23 class, 20 in Mar 24 9 class, 22 in May 17 class, and 22 in May 27 class); 1 Landowner Conservation Series (described separately in this report); 1 on Feb 4 for the Williamsburg Garden Club on wetlands (25 attendees), one for people attending the Chilo Lock 34 anniversary on macroinvertebrates and water quality (Oct 4, 30 attendees), and a presentation to the Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Club that reviewed watersheds, riparian zone benefits, and an overview of the county's MS4 programs.</p>						
Comments:						
Landowner Conservation Series	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont Park District	Conduct two workshops	Yard care / residential runoff	Urban landowners	2.00	No
<p>Summary of Results: Clermont Soil and Water and the Park District hosted the 3rd annual Landowners Conservation Series. Monthly events were planned, one of which related directly to stormwater management, while three others addressed soils, native plants and tree care. On March 12, Clermont SWCD led a "Dealing with Heavy Rains" workshop attended by only 2 people.</p>						
<p>Comments: Each of the monthly workshops were very lightly attended. This was also a problem in 2024. In 2026, the Landowner Conservation Series will be discontinued and in its place, Clermont Soil & Water will host quarterly workshops on different topics.</p>						

Home Sewage Treatment Systems	Clermont County Public Health	Conduct 1 homeowner training session, distribute 3500 information cards to homeowners before inspections; maintain educational web site	HSTS Education	HSTS owners	100.00	Yes
Summary of Results: CCPH held 1 HSTS homeowner training session which was attended by 18 attended. A total of 8,166 information cards were distributed to HSTS owners. Web site maintained at https://ccphohio.org/septic-system-operation-permits/						
Comments:						
Williamsburg Off-Channel Nutrient Removal Wetland	Clermont Soil & Water	1 presentation, 1 tour	Post-construction BMPs	Conservation district professionals	100.00	Yes
Summary of Results: On February 11, the Clermont Soil & Water director gave a presentation on the Williamsburg Off-Channel Nutrient Removal Wetland at the National Association of Conservation District's annual meeting. An estimated 50 people attended the presentation.						
On September 26, Clermont Soil and Water led 20 students from UC Clermont College on an instructional tour of the wetland. The students also helped with plant identification and assessments.						
Comments:						
General Storm Water Education - Social Media	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Minimum of 4 postings per year	Community Outreach and Education	Those who live or work in Clermont County	100.00	Yes
Summary of Results: Clermont Soil & Water had 45 Facebook posts related to storm water management; topics included information on rain barrels, pond management, streambank management, plants for storm water control, rain gardens, drainage and erosion issues, the pros and cons of Planned Developments, proper waste disposal, and volunteer litter cleanups. The Facebook posts had a total 107,232 views and 770 interactions. Facebook page followers increased from 1,521 to 1.7K.						
The Regional Storm Water Collaborative's Facebook page (SaveLocalWaters) had 1,6K followers and 699,729 views in 2025, while its Instagram page had 3,421 ?????. Its YouTube channel has 41 subscribers and includes 37 videos. In 2025, the channel had 1,034 organic views and 213,183 paid views with 283,412 paid impressions.						
The Clermont Soil & Water Director gave an hour-long interview for the Let's Talk Clermont podcast that discussed various water quality challenges, including stormwater runoff. The podcast aired on July 3 and can be viewed at https://www.letstalkclermont.com/episodepage/episode-14--john-mcmanus--clermont-soil-water-conservation-district . The number of views is unknown						
Comments:						
Illicit Discharge Detection and Reporting	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Stormwater Collaborative	Conduct 1 social media advertising campaign	Illicit discharges	General public	100.00	Yes
Summary of Results: The Collaborative's 2025 media campaign focused on reporting illegal dumping. The Collaborative used YouTube videos about illegal dumping to encourage citizens to "See Something, Say Something." As part of the campaign, Collaborative members appeared on three live TV interviews on a morning newscast. The first interview focused on the importance of protecting your watershed. The second informed viewers how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste, and the third emphasized what to do if you see illegal dumping.						
The campaign also consisted of ads on social media, streaming TV devices, streaming audio, and targeted display ads. Media campaign stats include 239,981 streaming TV impressions, 283,412 YouTube ad impressions, 119,989 paid streaming ad impressions, 262,505 targeted display ad impressions, and 542,603 paid social media impressions.						
Comments:						
Community Based Social Marketing Webinar	Clermont Soil & Water	1 webinar	Education and outreach program development	Ohio EPA	100.00	Yes

Summary of Results: On February 4, the Clermont Soil & Water director led a webinar on community based social marketing, a process for developing education and outreach programs that result in sustainable changes in behavior. A total of 34 Ohio EPA staff attended the webinar.

On April 9, Clermont Soil and Water gave led a second webinar for Ohio EPA TMDL and non-point source staff. 7 people attended this presentation.

Comments:

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Summarize activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle.

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Theme or Message	Target Audience	% Target Audience	Proposed Schedule
Stormwater Education Programs	Clermont Soil & Water	Conduct 10 programs	Teach about impacts of land use and storm water runoff on water quality and stream biota.	K-12 School Children, General Public	100.00	Year-round

Summary of Planned Activities: Conduct 10 programs that teach about the impacts of land use and storm water runoff on water quality and stream biota

Comments: N/A

Post-Construction Stormwater BMPs	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	1 Storm Water Management Field Day	Post-construction BMPs	Development community, local government inspectors	100.00	September 2026
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Summary of Planned Activities: The Regional Storm Water Collaborative is planning to host an Post Construction Stormwater BMP Float for members of the development community and municipal storm water inspectors in SW Ohio in September.

Comments: N/A

Regional stormwater advertising campaign	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Stormwater Collaborative	Conduct one advertising campaign	Stormwater management - topic TBD	Greater Cincinnati residents	100.00	Summer 2026
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Summary of Planned Activities: Clermont SWCD, working with the Regional Storm Water Collaborative, will develop and conduct an advertising campaign on a theme to be decided at the beginning of 2026.

Comments:

Pond / Retention Basin Management Clinic	Clermont Soil & Water	Conduct 1 pond / basin management clinic, goal of 50 attendees	Pond and retention basin maintenance	Pond / basin owners	100.00	April 14, 2026
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Summary of Planned Activities: Conduct one pond / storm water basin maintenance clinic for private landowners

Comments: N/A

Rain Garden / Rain Barrel Education Program	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Sell 20 rain barrels; 1 rain barrel art event, maintain rain garden web site	Lawn Care / Landscaping	Clermont County property owners	100.00	April - Rain Barrel Art Project, rain barrel sales; October - Master Rain Gardener class; Year-round - maintenance of demonstration rain gardens, rain barrel sales, maintenance of web site
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Summary of Planned Activities: Sell 20 rain barrels, annual rain barrel art event with Regional Storm Water Collaborative (RSWC), maintain rain garden web site at <http://www.clermontswcd.org/rain-gardens-barrels/>.

Comments: N/A

Stormwater Basin Maintenance Video	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Office of Public Information	Develop an instructional video on the maintenance of stormwater basins	Post-Construction BMPs	Stormwater basin owners	100.00	By Summer 2026
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Summary of Planned Activities: Clermont SWCD will work with the Clermont County Office of Public Information to develop an instructional video on the maintenance of stormwater basins and post it on the SWCD You-Tube channel

Comments:

Home Sewage Treatment Systems	Clermont County Public Health	Distribute 3500 HSTS education postcards to homeowners before inspections; maintain educational web site	Proper care and maintenance of HSTSs	HSTS owners	100.00	Year-round
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Summary of Planned Activities: Distribute 3500 HSTS education postcards to homeowners before inspections; maintain educational web site

Comments: N/A

Community Outreach Programs	Clermont Soil & Water	Publish minimum of 3 newsletter articles, 12 social media posts, 1 educational message on utility bills, maintenance of web sites	Community Education and Outreach	Those who live or work in Clermont County	100.00	Year-round
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Summary of Planned Activities: Clermont Soil & Water will publish a minimum of 3 newsletter articles and post a minimum of 12 storm water related messages on its social media sites, and include 1 educational message on Clermont County water and sewer utility bills. SWCD will maintain storm water-related pages on their respective web sites.

Comments: N/A

Erosion & Sediment Control	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Conduct 1 training session for development community on the County's Water Management & Sediment Control regulations	Erosion & sediment control BMPs	Development community	100.00	March 2026
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Summary of Planned Activities: Conduct 1 training session for homebuilders and other members of the development community on the County's Water Management & Sediment Control Regulations, including the inspection & enforcement expectations and process

Comments:

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Theme or Message	Target Audience	Estimate Of People Participated	Effective
Antifreeze and Motor Oil Recycling Program	Clermont County Fleet Maintenance	Availability of year round disposal and recycling opportunities for automotive fluids	Proper disposal of automotive fluids, prevention of illicit discharges/illegal dumping	Clermont County residents	120	Yes

Summary of Results: Fleet maintenance collected a record 1,700 gallons of used motor oil, gasoline and diesel fuel combined, and 250 gallons of antifreeze from an estimated 120 residents.

Comments:

East Fork Watershed Cooperative	Clermont OEQ, Clermont SWCD	Quarterly meetings to development and implementation of yearly stream monitoring and sampling program	Water quality monitoring and sampling, illicit discharge detection, source water protection, harmful algal blooms, bioretention, TMDL development	Clermont Co Water Resources Dept, Clermont OEQ, Clermont SWCD, USEPA-ORD, US ACE, Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Agriculture	25	Yes
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Summary of Results: One meeting was held in 2025 on March 6. Following this, EFWCoop meetings were temporarily put on hold due to uncertainty surrounding US EPA's Office of Research & Development and the mid-year elimination of the County's Office of Environmental Quality. Individually, EFWCoop members continued to provide support to the TMDL efforts and monitoring continued at the Williamsburg wetland site.

Comments:

Pierce Township Greenspace Committee	Pierce Township	Monthly meetings of Green Space Committee	Preserve land via acquisition, conservation easements, conservation development, covenants or other methods that has ecological significance, natural corridor potential, aesthetic or scenic value, or inherent traits that contribute to the positive character of the Township.	Pierce Township landowners	20	Yes
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Summary of Results: Approximately 20 people participated in 12 monthly meetings during 2025. Information about the Greenspace/Parks committee can be found at <https://piercetownship.org/our-parks/greenspace-parks-committee/page/2/>. Pierce Township has 209.79 acres of greenspace preserved. No new land was acquired.

Comments:						
Conservation Plant and Rain Barrel Sale	Clermont Soil & Water	Hold one conservation plant and rain barrel sale	Stream bank stabilization, benefits of native plants, rain barrels	Those living and working in Clermont County	158	Yes
Summary of Results: Each year, Clermont Soil & Water hosts a conservation plant sale, where people can buy tree seedlings and native perennials as well as rain barrels for small areas of reforestation, streambank protection/stabilization, and for creating native plant areas that help improve infiltration and reduce the area of turf grass in addition to benefits for pollinator species. In 2025, a total of 158 customers purchased approximately 3,805 and 2 rain barrels.						
Comments:						
Municipal/Township Clean-up Days	Batavia Twp/Village, Goshen Twp, Miami Twp, Stonelick Twp/Owensville, Union Twp, Tate Twp, Williamsburg Twp	Offer residents no-cost opportunity to properly dispose of hard-to-get-rid-of items on an annual basis	Prevention of illegal dumping/illicit discharges	Residents of participating municipalities and townships	3000	Yes
Summary of Results: Batavia Twp/Village - Batavia Township's contract with Republic Services provides year-round curbside pickup of large items and other items typically accepted at Clean-up Days. In addition, a Clean-up Days event was also held from April 24-26, with approximately 400 people bringing 62 tons of waste.						
Goshen Twp - Event held on June 7. Material filled 6 rear compact Rumpke trucks, 6 40-yard roll-off dumpsters, 8 metal recycling dumpsters, 400+ Participants.						
Miami Township - Held on April 25-26 and September 19-20. In April, 191.47 tons of trash were collected, along with 14,240 lbs of recyclable metals and 524 lbs of recyclable lead batteries. In September, 142.87 tons of trash, 13,420 lbs of recyclable metals and 623 lbs of recyclable lead batteries were collected.						
Stonelick Twp/Owensville - Held on August 23. 21.35 tons of material were collected from 186 residents. 360 gallons of used motor oil were also collected.						
Tate Twp - Cleanup Days held on July 11-12. Collected 78.23 tons of waste and 143 tires from an estimated 300 people.						
Union Township - Junk Days were held April 24-26 and November 6-8. Combined, 50 30-yard dumpsters and 15 packer trucks were filled, and 139 refrigerators were collected.						
Williamsburg Twp/Village - Held from June 12-14. Collected approximately 90 tons of material. An estimated 300 people participated.						
Comments:						
Master Rain Gardener Program	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Host one Master Rain Gardener cohort	Rain gardens	Landowners in Clermont County	10	Yes
Summary of Results: Clermont Soil & Water led the Regional Stormwater Collaborative's Master Rain Garden program in the fall of 2025. 10 students completed the coursework and will be working to create their own rain garden or rehabilitate an existing one in the spring of 2026.						
Comments:						
Spring Litter Cleanup	Clermont Soil & Water	Annual volunteer river bank and parks clean-up	Litter prevention, reduction of solids and floatables in local waterways; general awareness of East Fork as a natural resource	Residents and those doing business within Clermont County	105	Yes
Summary of Results: 105 entries were submitted by K-12 students for the Summer Litter Cleanup logo design contest. The winning logo, designed by a 10th grade homeschooled student from Bethel, was printed on bucket hats and stickers which were given to event volunteers.						
The 2025 spring litter clean-up event was held on Saturday, April 26, with litter clean-ups at various sites across Clermont County and the East Fork Little Miami River watershed. 108 volunteers participated and collected a combined 113 bags of trash plus miscellaneous larger items.						

Comments:						
Rain Barrel Art Event	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Once annually, offer 40 rain barrels to local artists for painting; display and auction barrels at Cincinnati Zoo	Promote the use of rain barrels throughout the Ohio River Valley through a creative and educational medium	Greater Cincinnati artists of all levels	110	Yes

Summary of Results: 110 individuals and groups submitted artwork to participate in the 2025 project. 40 designs were selected and 40 rain barrels were painted by local artists. Results from the display/auction at the Cincinnati Zoo are presented under the Public Education section of this report.

Comments:						
Ohio River Sweep	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Park District	Annual clean-up of Ohio River	Litter prevention, reduction of solids and floatables, general awareness of Ohio River as a natural resource	Residents and those doing business within Clermont County	50	Yes

Summary of Results: A total of 50 volunteers helped clean trash from the banks of the Ohio River on June 28 at three sites in Clermont County. Volunteers collected 65 bags of trash along with other miscellaneous items.

Comments:						
Household Hazardous Waste Voucher Program	Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District	Availability of year round disposal and recycling opportunities for household hazardous wastes	Proper disposal of hazardous waste materials, prevention of illicit discharges/illegal dumping	Clermont County residents	329	Yes

Summary of Results: The Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District made improvements to its HHW collection program in 2026. Rather than issue county residents vouchers for disposal at Environmental Enterprises in Cincinnati, the District now directly accepts HHW waste at its new offices in Batavia Twp. In 2026, the Solid Waste District collected 21,892 lbs of HHW from 329 residents.

Comments:						
Volunteer Monitoring	Clermont Soil & Water, Izaak Walton League	Volunteer monitoring program in Little Miami River watershed	Volunteer monitoring	Clermont residents in the LMR watershed	108	Yes

Summary of Results: Clermont Soil & Water assisted the Izaak Walton League the Saturday Stream Snapshot volunteer water quality monitoring program in the Little Miami River watershed. Under this program, volunteers collect water quality samples on the 3rd Saturday of every month from March through November. Samples collected are analyzed for pH, conductivity, turbidity, in vivo chlorophyll-a, optical brighteners, nitrates, phosphates, total coliforms, and E.coli. In 2025, volunteers collected 355 samples from 44 sites in the lower Little Miami River watershed, 16 of which were in Clermont County. An average of 108 volunteers helped each month.

Comments:

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Summarize activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle.

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Theme or Message	Target Audience	Estimate of People to Participate	Proposed Schedule
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Pierce Township Greenspace Committee	Pierce Township	Monthly meetings of Green Space Committee	Preserve land via acquisition, conservation easements, conservation development, covenants or other methods that has ecological significance, natural corridor potential, aesthetic or scenic value, or inherent traits that contribute to the positive character of the Township.	Pierce Township landowners	25	Monthly
Summary of Planned Activities: Monthly meetings of Green Space Committee						
Comments:						
Household Hazardous Waste Voucher Program	Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District	Availability of year round disposal and recycling opportunities for household hazardous wastes	Proper disposal of hazardous waste materials, prevention of illicit discharges/illegal dumping	Clermont County residents	100	Year round
Summary of Planned Activities: The Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District will offer a local dropoff for HHW throughout the year						
Comments:						
Rain Barrel Art Event	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Once annually, offer 40 rain barrels to local artists for painting; display and auction barrels at Cincinnati Zoo	Promote the use of rain barrels throughout the Ohio River Valley through a creative and educational medium	Greater Cincinnati artists of all levels	125	January through April 2026
Summary of Planned Activities: Area artists of all ages and skill levels will be invited to submit designs for the annual Rain Barrel Art Contest. The artists with the 40 best designs will be provided a rain barrel on which to create their design. The barrels will be displayed at the Cincinnati Zoo through the month of April and will be sold via an online auction toward the end of the month.						
Comments:						
Antifreeze and Motor Oil Recycling Program	Clermont County Fleet Maintenance	Availability of year round disposal and recycling opportunities for automotive fluids	Proper disposal of automotive fluids, prevention of illicit discharges/illegal dumping	Clermont County residents	50	Year round
Summary of Planned Activities: Clermont County Fleet Maintenance will continue to accept used motor oil, antifreeze and other automotive fluids from Clermont County residents.						
Comments:						
Municipal/Township Clean-up Days	Batavia Twp/Village, Goshen Twp, Miami Twp, Stonelick Twp./Owensville, Union Twp, Tate Township, Williamsburg Twp/Village	Offer residents no-cost opportunity to properly dispose of hard-to-get-rid-of items on an annual basis.	Prevention of illegal dumping/illicit discharges	Residents of participating municipalities and townships	3000	Schedules vary by community, but generally range from May through September.
Summary of Planned Activities: Several townships and villages will host Junk Days or Cleanup Days for their residents, which offers them a no cost opportunity to properly dispose of hard-to-get-rid-of items. These collection days help to reduce illegal dumping and illicit discharges. Union Township will eliminate its twice/year cleanup days in favor of year-round voucher program which will allow residents to drop of waste at a new local transfer facility on a year-round basis.						

Comments:						
Volunteer Litter Cleanups	Clermont Soil & Water, Park District, MS4 Townships and Municipalities	1 Spring Litter Cleanup, 1 Ohio River Sweep	Litter prevention, reduction of solids and floatables, general awareness of Ohio River as a natural resource	Residents and those doing business within Clermont County	500	Spring Litter Cleanup - April 2026; Ohio River Sweep - June 2026

Summary of Planned Activities: The annual Spring Litter Cleanup will be held along the East Fork Little Miami River and in public parks in April. The Ohio River Sweep will be held in June.

Comments:						
Volunteer Monitoring	Clermont Soil & Water, Izaak Walton League	Conduct volunteer monitoring program in Little Miami River watershed	Stream quality	General public	400	3rd Saturday of the month, March through November

Summary of Planned Activities: Conduct volunteer monitoring program in Little Miami River watershed

Comments:

ILLCIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (IDDE)

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Cite Local Code(s) Being Used (If available, web link for code(s))	Effective
Ordinance or Other Regulatory Mechanism	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Clermont Soil & Water	Enforce illicit discharge regulations	Yes	Section 8 of Clermont County Water Management & Sediment Control Regulations, http://permit.clermontcountyohio.gov/water-management-sediment-control-regulations/	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: Rules and Regulations Regarding Illicit Discharges and Illegal Connections to the Separate Storm Sewer System are established as Article 8.0 of the WMSC regulations. Revisions to the regulations were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 7 and went into effect on August 7, 2022.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Summary of Activities or Updates	Effective
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Storm Sewer System Map	Clermont Soil & Water	Develop and maintain comprehensive map of storm water conveyance system serving Clermont County	Yes	A GIS geodatabase has been completed for the entire county (both urban and rural areas) that includes location information for storm sewers, ditch lines, catch basins, manholes, inlets, outlets and BMPs, as well as attribute information for each structure (such as size, material and condition). Updates to the database were made throughout the year as system upgrades were made and new systems installed. As of the end of 2025, the MS4 (both public and private, countywide) had 33,312 segments of pipe (760 miles), along with 27,297 catch basins, 2,346 inlets and 5,782 outfalls (excluding simple culverts), 6,100 culverts, 5,783 manholes, and 1,147 BMPs.	Yes
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Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Summary of Activities or Updates	Effective
HSTS Mapping and List	Clermont County Public Health	Develop inventory, including location and parcel ID, for discharging and non-discharging HSTSs in Clermont County	Yes	Clermont County Public Health tracks both discharging and non-discharging septic systems through its Operation Permit Assessment (OPA) database. Maps showing locations of both discharging and non-discharging systems have been developed for the various watersheds within the Phase II urbanized area. A total of 22,106 HSTSs have been identified throughout Clermont County. Clermont County Public Health offers an online search tool that allow users to research data from Septic System Operation Permit and Loan Inspection results at https://ccphohio.org/css/	Yes

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Summary of Activities or Updates	Effective
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<p>IDDE Plan</p>	<p>Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Water Resources Department, Clermont County Public Health</p>	<p>Develop and institute an illicit discharge detection and elimination plan.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Clermont Soil & Water has assumed responsibility for dry weather screening of all public outfalls (i.e., those outfalls within the public road right-of-way or on publicly owned property). A watershed by watershed schedule has been developed where outfalls in a particular watershed are screened along with inspections of post-construction BMPs. Clermont Soil & Water has also developed a list of both public and private outfalls that have been determined to have a high potential for illicit discharges which are screened during dry weather at least once a year.</p> <p>The Industrial Pretreatment Program Coordinator for the County's Water Resource Department looks for indications of illicit discharges during annual Significant Industrial User facility inspections and drive by inspections. If an illicit discharge is noted, the Coordinator either works directly with the responsible party to eliminate the discharge, or notifies Clermont SWCD, which conducts follow-up inspections and enforcement.</p> <p>Clermont County Public Health (CCPH) is responsible for addressing problems with discharging HSTs. They inspect HSTs with electrical components once every 19 months and those without once every 38 months. In general, a time limit of 30 days is given to correct any violations found; however, CCPH will accommodate various time frames given the seriousness of the nuisance or violation, the level of cooperation of the homeowner, the time of year, or the cost of the repair. This is done on a case-by-case basis. For homeowners who lack the ability to pay for a complete system replacement, Public Health has developed the Sewage Nuisance Abatement and Remediation Plan which allows homeowners to make gradual improvements to their</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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systems.

Public Health inspectors also look for signs of illicit discharges at and around solid waste and grease dumpsters outside of restaurants and other food establishments. Level 1 and 2 operations (primarily those that deal with pre-packaged foods) are investigated on an annual basis, while Level 3 and 4 operations, including those that generate oil and grease wastes, are inspected twice a year. CCPH is responsible for enforcing violations related to restaurant operations and waste disposal. If material is found to have entered the MS4, CCPH investigators will inform Clermont Soil & Water of the illicit discharge.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Total # of Outfalls	# of Outfalls Screened	# of Dry-Weather Flows Identified	# of Identified Illicit Discharges	# of Eliminated Illicit Discharges	Effective
Dry-Weather Screening of Outfalls	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Water Resources Department	Screen 250 outfalls annually/1000 over course or permit.	Yes	5782	70	4	4	4	Yes

Comments: In 2024, Clermont SWCD staff screened 30 industrial sites and other sites on the County's annual inspection list and a small number of storm water basin outlets (est. 15), in addition to 7 illicit discharge complaints. Clermont County Water Resources Department conducted 18 additional inspections during regularly scheduled visits to industries holding industrial waste pre-treatment permits. A total of 4 incidents of spills or illicit discharges were identified. All incidents were closed in 2025. A report documenting each of the illicit discharges identified and the steps taken to eliminate them is attached.

Upload File Name for the Illicit Discharges: 2025 dry weather overflow investigations.pdf

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Summary of Planned Activities	Comments	Effective
HSTS Inspections	Clermont County Public Health	Inspect individual/commercial HSTSs with electrical components once every 19 months and those without electrical components once every 38 months.	Yes	Clermont County Public Health inspected 8,166 home sewage treatment systems throughout Clermont County. Inspection results for all HSTSs are now available on line. Anyone interested in viewing an inspection report for a particular system can visit https://ccphohio.org/septic-system-operation-permits/septic-system-search-2/ and enter the address of the property.		Yes

Septic System Rehabilitation - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program	Clermont County Public Health	Track # of CDBG applications for septic system rehabilitation and number of rehabilitation projects completed	Yes	This program utilizes CDBG funds to assist homeowners with repairs on malfunctioning septic systems and to replace systems that are beyond repair. The program can also assist homeowners in connecting to accessible public sewer systems. Each qualifying homeowner can receive up to \$14,000 toward the cost of HSTS repair or replacement, or toward connecting to public sewer. In 2025, 17 CDBG application were received, 1 new system was installed, and 2 sewer connections were completed.		Yes
HSTS Remediation Program	Clermont County Public Health	Track # of people enrolled in the Remediation Program, including those moving toward full system replacement.	Yes	The Remediation Program provides homeowners with an opportunity to gradually make improvements to their system and possibly avoid or delay a full replacement of the septic system, as long as the plan abates the sewage nuisance. For details, visit https://ccphohio.org/septic-systems/snarp/ . In 2025, the Health District received 10 separate applications. A total of 10 remediation projects were completed (most are choosing a full system replacement).		Yes

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION & ELIMINATION (IDDE)

Summarize activities you plan to undertake for the next reporting cycle.

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Summary of Planned Activities	Proposed Schedule
Storm Sewer and HSTS Mapping	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont Public Health	Update maps within 6 months of new improvements	Clermont Soil & Water will continue to maintain the existing GIS geodatabase of the separate storm sewer system throughout Clermont County. Existing maps will be kept up to date by adding new systems installed as the result of new developments or road improvements. Clermont County Public Health will continue to maintain and update its HSTS database.	Year-round

Comments:

Enforce illicit discharge regulations	Clermont Soil & Water, Milford	Eliminate discharges as they occur	Clermont Soil & Water will continue its efforts to detect illicit discharges through its screening and stream monitoring program, and will work with the responsible parties to eliminate them as they are found.	Year-round
Comments:				
Dry Weather Screening	Clermont Soil & Water	Screen a minimum of 250 public outfalls, including all those on the annual inspection list.	Clermont Soil & Water will continue to inspect public outfalls for signs of illicit discharge. In 2024, SWCD will screen a minimum 250 outfalls during dry weather.	Year-round during dry weather conditions.
Comments:				
HSTS Remediation Program	Clermont County Public Health	Track # of people enrolled in Remediation Program, including those moving toward full system replacement.	Public Health will continue to offer the Remediation Program which allows homeowners an opportunity to gradually make improvements to their systems and possibly avoid or delay a full replacement of the septic systems, as long as the plan abates the sewage nuisance.	Year-round
Comments:				
Illicit Inspections at Restaurants	Clermont County Public Health	Inspect all restaurants in county for possible oil and grease discharges	During inspections of restaurants and other food establishments, Clermont County Public Health inspectors will look for signs of illicit discharges at and around solid waste and grease dumpsters outside of the facility.	Level 1 and 2 operations (primarily those that deal with pre-packaged foods) will be investigated on an annual basis, while Level 3 and 4 operations will be inspected twice a year.
Comments:				
Industrial Site Inspections	Clermont County Water Resources Department	Annual inspections of each Significant Industrial User	The Water Resources Department's IWPT Coordinator will conduct annual inspections of each Significant Industrial User connected to the County's sanitary sewer system. The IWPT Coordinator will look for signs of illicit discharges during these inspections.	Generally from January to July
Comments:				
HSTS Inspections	Clermont County Public Health	Inspect individual/commercial HSTSs with electrical components once every 19 months and those without electrical components once every 38 months.	Public Health will continue to inspect individual/commercial HSTSs with electrical components once every 19 months and those without electrical components once every 38 months.	Year-round
Comments:				
CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF CONTROL				

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Cite Local Code(s) Being Used (If available, web link for code(s))	Effective
Ordinance or Other Regulatory Mechanism	Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Revise sediment and erosion control regulations; continue enforcement of existing regulations until revision completed	Yes	Clermont County Water Management and Sediment Control (WMSC) Regulations, http://permit.clermontcountyohio.gov/WMSCRegulations.aspx	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: The Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations on July 7, 2022, with the changes going into effect on August 7, 2022. Prior to approving the revised regulations, public hearings were held on May 25 and June 1. One county resident submitted comments at the June 1 public hearing, neither in support or opposition of the changes, but to voice concerns about problems on his property. No other comments were received.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Standards Being Used	Effective
Sediment and Erosion Control Requirements	Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Established sediment and erosion control regulations	Yes	Clermont County Water Management and Sediment Control (WMSC) Regulations, https://permit.clermontcountyohio.gov/water-management-sediment-control-regulations/	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: The County's sediment and erosion control requirements are contained in the Water Management & Sediment Control (WMSC) Regulations, primarily within Article 6. In 2022, The Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations on July 7, with the changes going into effect on August 7.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Number of Complaints Received	Number of Complaints Followed Up On	Effective
Complaint Process	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Achieve 50% resolution of valid complaints	Yes	67	67	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: Of the 52 complaints received, Clermont SWCD's inspector and the Clermont County Building Department have followed up on each, and all but 9 were documented as resolved by the end of 2025 (83%).

Milford received 15 valid complaints at four locations in 2025. The city continued to receive complaints at 777 Garfield Avenue (10 total). Ongoing issues (silt fence, inlet protection, slope erosion protection) remain unresolved. A stop work order has been issued. Other complaints include: 841 Riverside (2 complaints mostly surrounding truck traffic. Monitoring is ongoing); 6 Apple Lane (2 complaints, both resolved); and 118 High/409 Garfield/413 Garfield (1 complaint - self reported, issue is resolved).

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Sites Requiring Plans	# of Plans Reviewed	Effective
Site Plan Review Procedures	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Established site plan review and approval procedures	Yes	1761	2193	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: Clermont County conducted 2,093 reviews for 1,751 sites requiring plans (including re-reviews of plans not approved after first review); Milford conducted 10 reviews for 10 plans in 2025. Details of plan requirements are provided in WMSC Regulations. Specific review procedures are contained in the March 2022 Storm Water Management Plan.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Applicable Sites	# of Sites Inspected	Average Frequency	Effective
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Site Inspection Procedures	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Clermont Soil & Water, Milford	Established site inspection procedures	Yes	1404	3535	0.2	Yes
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Summary of Results or Activities: Clermont County conducted 3,485 inspections at 1,394 sites, while Milford conducted 50 inspections at 10 sites.

The average number of inspections per site was 2.5 and the average frequency was 0.21/site/month. The average frequency listed above was calculated by dividing the average # of inspections per site by 12 months; however, the actual frequency is much higher, as not all sites were under construction for a full 12 months.

Comments:

Upload File Name(s) for Applicable Sites: 2025 WMSC Inspection Activity.pdf

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Violation Letters	# of Enforcement Actions	Effective
Enforcement Procedures	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Established procedures for enforcing violations of WMSC Regulations	Yes	341	10	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: For purposes of this annual report, conditional occupancy certificates are considered to be violation letters, and stop work orders are considered to be enforcement actions. In 2025, the Clermont County Building Department issued 339 conditional occupancy certificates; 221 of these have been resolved. Eight stop work orders were issued. This case was unresolved and the stop work order still in effect at the end of 2024. Milford issued 2 stop work orders. At 777 Garfield, 2 notices of violation were issued as was a stop work order. The development permit was recommended for revocation. The 2nd stop work order was issued for Eagle View/Aerie Lane (Ashford Homes). The stop work order was rescinded within a week after satisfying conditional terms.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Measurements	Effective
Erosion & Sediment Control Field Day	Clermont Soil & Water, Regional Storm Water Collaborative	Host 1 erosion & sediment control field day for members of the development community	Yes	No. of field days (1), No. of participants	Yes

Summary of Activities or Updates: The Regional Storm Water Collaborative hosted its annual Storm Water Management Field Day (aka the Stormwater Float) on September 25. The event included demonstrations of various construction BMPs from multiple agencies and vendors, and a keynote presentation on SWPPP development. 72 people attended.

Comments:

CONSTRUCTION SITE RUNOFF CONTROL

Summarize activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle.

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Summary of Planned Activities	Proposed Schedule
WMSC Training Session	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Host 1 WMSC Regulations training session for members of the development community	Clermont Soil & Water and the Building Inspection Department will host a training session for the development community on the county's WMSC regulations and the inspection & enforcement processes.	March 2025

Comments:

Plan Review	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Clermont Soil & Water, Milford	Review sediment and erosion control plans for all construction activities disturbing 1 or more acre	Both Clermont County and Milford will follow the plan review process described in the Clermont County Storm Water Management Plan (March 2022)	Year-round
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Comments:

Inspect Construction Sites Disturbing 1 Acre or More	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Inspect installation of BMPs prior to construction, conditions of BMPs during construction, and conduct final inspection after construction to ensure site stabilization	Inspect installation of BMPs prior to construction, conditions of BMPs during construction, and conduct final inspection after construction to ensure site stabilization	Year round
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Comments:

Respond to Erosion and Sediment Runoff Complaints	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Achieve 50% resolution of valid complaints	Soil & Water and Building Department staff will continue to respond to complaints submitted by Clermont County residents, generally within one week of receiving the complaint, and work to address an valid issues found during inspection.	Year-round
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Comments:

Enforce WMSC Violations	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Achieve compliance with regulations at all construction sites.	If violations are not corrected after verbal notification, the Building Department may use Stop Work Orders, withholding a Certificate of Occupancy, or permit revocation. Milford may issue written notifications with time periods for compliance, stop work orders or citations.	Year-round
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Comments:

POST-CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Cite Local Code(s) Being Used (If available, web link for code(s))	Effective
Ordinance or Other Regulatory Mechanism	Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Revise regulations for post-construction storm water management; enforce current regulations until revisions are complete	Yes	Clermont County Water Management and Sediment Control (WMSC) Regulations, http://permit.clermontcountyohio.gov/water-management-sediment-control-regulations/	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: The Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations on July 7, 2022, with the changes going into effect on August 7, 2022. Prior to approving the revised regulations, public hearings were held on May 25 and June 1. One county resident submitted comments at the June 1 public hearing, neither in support or opposition of the changes, but to voice concerns about problems on his property. No other comments were received.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Structural and/or Non-Structural Standards Being Used	Effective
Post-Construction Requirements	Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Established requirements for post-construction BMPs	Yes	The County's WMSC regulations contain requirements for the following BMPs: infiltration basin, enhanced water quality swale, dry and wet extended detention basins, constructed wetlands, sand and other media filtration practices, bioretention cells, pocket wetlands and vegetated filter strips. The regulations encourage vegetative buffers of 25 feet.	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: The County's post-construction storm water management requirements are contained in the Water Management & Sediment Control (WMSC) Regulations, primarily within Article 5. The Board of County Commissioners approved revisions to the Water Management and Sediment Control Regulations on July 7, 2022, with the changes going into effect on August 7, 2022.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Applicable Sites Requiring Plans	# of Plans Reviewed	Effective
Site Plan Review Procedures	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Established site plan review procedures for developments requiring post-construction BMPs	Yes	36	36	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: Plans reviewed to ensure BMPs are designed in compliance with County's WMSC Regulations. The County Building Department reviewed plans for 36 developments requiring post-construction BMPs. No new developments in Milford required post-construction BMPs.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Applicable Sites	# of Inspections Performed	Average Frequency	Effective
Site Inspection Procedures	Clermont County Building Dept., Clermont County Engineer's Office, Clermont Soil & Water, Milford	Established inspection procedures for post-construction BMPs during construction and after completion of construction	Yes	1147	58	5	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: A total of 1,147 post-construction BMPs have been identified in Clermont County (excluding the City of Loveland).

The County Engineer's Office annually inspects and maintains 29 basins in 25 subdivisions under the public watercourse (ditch petition) program. The Engineer's Office also maintains storm sewer infrastructure for four subdivisions that have created storm water management utilities. This includes 2 detention basins in Harvest Ridge and 3 basins (2 detention, 1 retention) in Prestwick Place). In June of 2021, the County Engineer became responsible for the maintenance of Woods at Miami Trails and Estates at Miami Trails in Miami Township Storm Sewer District. There are 10 detention basins in this development and approximately 13,600 ft of storm sewer. The Engineer's office does not maintain any BMPs in the other two districts (Orchard Valley and Miami Trails). Maintenance activities for all basins include mowing, seeding bare areas, cleaning silt/debris from inlet/outlet structures and basin bottom, maintaining rip rap at outlet, cutting trees around headwalls and on dam, and conducting necessary repairs. In 2025, Elam Excavating repaired an erosion area (891 Miamiridge Drive) at the end of a 12" storm sewer by cutting a keyway across a ravine and filling it with #2 stone and then placing #2 stone on the hillside that was eroding (designed by UES Engineering). Mullins Maintenance removed silt blocking the inlet of a 24" storm pipe at 1425 Miamilake Drive. They removed silt and debris from the outlet pipe of the detention basin at 574 Hopper View Bluff and at 709 Deertrail Court and installed 4 tons of rip rap in an eroded area at a detention basin at 6714 Deerview Drive. Mullins also poured a concrete bottom in the 72" storm sewer pipe (Whitmore/Shayler) at 1077 Valleywood Drive. In the detention basin overflow route at 1209 Wintercrest Circle, Mullins installed a catch basin and 120' of French drain to eliminate an area of standing water.

Three storm water basins that were formerly maintained by the Village of Amelia (Shank Park, Deercreek Drive and Eastridge Lane) are now maintained by Pierce Township since the village dissolved at the end of 2019.

Under an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners, Clermont Soil & Water conducts post-construction inspections of all BMPs except those that are inspected and maintained by the County Engineer's office under the public watercourse or storm water district programs, and those within the City of Milford. Clermont Soil & Water has established an inspection schedule based on watersheds, with the intent of inspecting all BMPs at least once during a permit cycle. If issues are seen that need corrective action, SWCD sends a notice to the post-construction owner detailing the work that is needed. By the end of 2025, Soil and Water staff had inspected 1,035 of the 1,147 identified BMPs. In 2025, only 15 BMPs were inspected, as staff dedicated most of its time to rebuilding and improving the GIS BMP database and the online inspection form in Field Maps in order that staff would be prepared for the new MS4 permit cycle.

In Milford, 35 property owners receive utility fee credit for 60 post-construction BMPs, including 20 detention basins, 16 grass channel/filter strips, 9 water quality ponds, 5 dry wells, 2 infiltration basins and 8 forested buffer strips. One was inspected in 2025 (the 201 Chamber Drive retention basin).

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Violation Letters	# of Enforcement Actions	Effective
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Enforcement Procedures	Clermont County Building Inspection Department, Milford	Establish enforcement procedures for ensuring post-construction BMPs are built according to specifications	Yes	6	6	Yes
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Summary of Results or Activities: The Building Department noted 5 violations during inspections of BMPs constructed in 2025. In Milford, there have been multiple issues with the basin at 777 Garfield. A stop work order remains in effect.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	# of Sites Requiring Plans/Agreements	# of Plans Developed/Agreements in Place	Effective
Long-Term O&M Plans/Agreements	Clermont County Engineer's Office, Pierce Twp, Milford	# of long-term O&M plans and agreements for maintenance of private BMPs under Ohio "ditch petition" laws	Yes	48	48	Yes

Summary of Results or Activities: Public Watercourse agreements established with 25 subdivisions for Clermont Engineer's Office to maintain 29 storm water basins. Storm water districts have also been created in 6 subdivisions (Orchard Valley, Miami Trails, Harvest Ridge, Prestwick Place, Woods at Miami Trails and Estates at Miami Trails), under which the Engineer's Office maintains all storm sewer infrastructure outside the public road right-of-way, including 15 storm water management basins.

Pierce Township maintains three detention basins - one at Shank Park, one on Deercreek Drive and one on Eastridge Lane. These were visually inspected and mowed monthly at a minimum.

In Milford, only 1 applicant received utility fee credit for a post-construction detention basins.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Measurement 1	Measurement 2	Effective
No records found						

POST-CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

Summarize activities you plan to undertake for the next reporting cycle.

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Summary of Planned Activities	Proposed Schedule
Inspection of Private BMPs Having no Public Maintenance Agreements	Clermont Soil & Water	Inspect approximately 200 privately-owned BMPs	Under an agreement with the County Commissioners, Clermont Soil & Water will continue to conduct inspections of privately-owned post-construction BMPs to help ensure that they are properly maintained. The goal of this program is to inspect each BMP once over the five year permit cycle.	Year-round

Comments:

Inspect Private BMPs with Long-term Agreements	Clermont County Engineer's Office, Milford	Conduct annual inspections of all privately-owned post-construction BMPs that are publicly maintained or receive utility credits	The County Engineer's Office will conduct annual inspections of all detention basins and other structures that it maintains under the public watercourse program or within an established storm water management district. Milford will conduct annual inspections of any BMP which receives a credit under the city's storm water utility.	Primarily Spring through Fall
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Comments:

Plan Review	Clermont Building Department, Engineer's Office, Planning Dept, SWCD; City of Milford	Review post-construction storm water management plans for all construction activities disturbing 1 or more acre	Both Clermont County and Milford will follow the plan review process described in the Clermont County Storm Water Management Plan (March 2022)	Year-round
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Comments:

Inspect Post-Construction BMPs Upon Completion	Clermont County Building Inspection Department	Inspect all post-construction BMPs upon completion of construction	The Building Department will continue to inspect all post-construction BMPs upon completion of construction to ensure that they are built according to approved plans.	Year-round
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Comments:

POLLUTION PREVENTION/GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
Employee Training Program 1	Batavia Twp, Batavia V, Goshen Twp, Miami Twp, Milford, Pierce Twp, Tate Twp, Union Twp, Williamsburg Twp, Williamsburg V, Clermont Soil & Water	1 training session to review areas for improvement under MCMs 3 & 6	Yes	Illicit discharge detection & elimination	Clermont County MS4 co-permittees	15	Yes

Summary of Activity: On December 9, Clermont SWCD hosted a training session to review the US EPA audit results and to discuss areas for improvement in the illicit discharge and pollution prevention programs.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
Employee Training Program 2	Clermont Soil & Water	Attend the annual Storm Water Management Field Day	Yes	Erosion & sediment control BMPs	MS4s, development community	4	Yes

Summary of Activity: Four employees Clermont Soil & Water attended the Erosion & Sediment Control Field Day hosted by the Regional Storm Water Collaborative on September 25.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
Employee Training Program 3	Clermont Soil & Water	Attend annual Environmental Education Council of Ohio conference	Yes	Environmental education	SWCD Education Coordinator	1	Yes

Summary of Activity: From April 4-6, the Soil & Water Education Coordinator attended EECO's annual conference.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
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Employee Training Program 4	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont Building Inspection Department	Attend the annual Ohio Stormwater Conference	Yes	Storm water BMPs, stream restoration, watershed and land management issues	Storm water management professionals	3	Yes
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Summary of Activity: From May 8-9, the Soil & Water Director and Urban Technician and the Building Department's stormwater engineer attended the annual Ohio Storm Water Conference in Sandusky, OH. The conference included multiple sessions on BMPs, stream restoration, storm water management, watershed and land use issues.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
Employee Training Program 5	Clermont Soil & Water	Attend Center for Watershed Protection webinars	Yes	Education / behavior change; funding, stream restoration, landscaping BMPs, climate change & rainwater harvesting	Environmental professionals	2	Yes

Summary of Activity: Soil & Water staff attended 5 webinars hosted by the Center for Watershed Protection, including Behavior Change at the Local Level (2 staff), Stormwater Funding (1), Stream Restoration (1), Incorporating Landscaping in Stormwater Practices (1), and Impacts of Climate Change on Rainwater Harvesting Systems (1)

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
Employee Training Program 6	Clermont Soil & Water, Clermont County Building Department	Attend 1 Post-Construction Water Quality Workshop	Yes	Post-construction BMPs	Plan reviewers	2	Yes

Summary of Activity: On May 21, the Soil & Water Director and Building Department's Plans Examiner attended a Post-Construction Water Quality Workshop hosted by SWCDs in southwest Ohio

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
Employee Training Program 7	Clermont Soil & Water	Complete US EPA's Construction General Permit Site Inspector Training Course	Yes	Inspection of construction site BMPs	Site Inspectors	1	Yes

Summary of Activity: Clermont Soil & Water's new Urban Specialist completed US EPA's Construction General Permit Site Inspector Training Course.

Comments:

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Completed	Topic(s)	Targeted Audience	# of Employees Attended	Effective
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Employee Training Program 8	Clermont Soil & Water	Attend Ohio Educators Conference	Yes	Public education and involvement programs	Environmental Educators	2	Yes
Summary of Activity: On Oct 22, the Clermont Soil & Water Director and education Coordinator attended the Ohio Educators Conference hosted by the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts							
Comments:							
BMP (mechanism)	List of Municipal Facilities Subject to Program			O&M Procedures Developed?	# of Inspections Performed	Frequency of Inspections	
Municipal Facilities	Facilities include 1,055 miles of county, township and municipal roads and associated storm sewers and roadside ditches, service department facilities for each of the 15 co-permittees, 47 parks, nature preserves and greenspaces, and 41 cemeteries			Yes	13500	Varies by facility. See individual P2 reports for co-permittees.	
BMP (mechanism)	Summarize Maintenance Activities and Schedules			Summarize Activities Performed			
MS4 Maintenance	In general, storm sewers are cleaned on an as needed basis, determined by inspections, and resident complaints. Catch basin grates are regularly inspected and cleaned, especially after significant storms. Repairs to MS4 infrastructure are done on an as-needed basis. The County Engineer's Office uses Flexamat in some roadside ditches that are subject to severe erosion. For more detailed information, refer to the individual P2 reports for each co-permittee.			Ditch cleaning, storm sewer cleaning, catch basin grate cleaning, use of Flexamat in ditches to reduce erosion, infrastructure repair and replacement, dry well cleaning (Milford)			
BMP (mechanism)	Procedures Developed?	Document Amounts of Wastes Properly Disposed					
Disposal of Wastes	Yes	Uncontaminated sediment cleaned from the MS4 is typically used as fill in parks, cemeteries or other public properties, other waste collected from the MS4 is disposed of as solid waste unless contaminated, and then is disposed of as hazardous waste. For more detailed information, refer to the individual P2 reports for each co-permittee.					
BMP (mechanism)	Covered?	Tons Used	Summarize Measures Taken to Minimize Usage				
Road Salt	Yes	12842 Tons	Four co-permittees (Batavia Village, Miami Twp, Union Twp, Clermont County) also used 17,173 gallons of brine. The County Engineer also used 29,500 gallons of the more environmentally friendly Beet Heet deicer. Measures differ among co-permittees, but range from training and dry weather runs before the winter season begins, careful monitoring of weather forecasts and road conditions, pre-treatment with brine, calibrating spreader equipment, minimizing settings on spreaders, narrow spreading along the road centerline, and treating only intersections, curves and hills. See individual co-permittee P2 reports for specific measures.				
BMP (mechanism)	Procedures Developed?	Gallons Used	Summarize Measures Taken to Minimize Usage				
Pesticide & Herbicide Usage	Yes	2968 Gallons	Miami Township also used 63.4 lbs of dry herbicide. Note that some co-permittees track usage of undiluted pesticides while others report the mixed amount. Measures to minimize usage varies. Six co-permittees did not use any pesticides. Those that do have staff that have received training and a commercial applicators license, or contract with a private applicator who is licensed. Some co-permittees only use pesticides in very limited areas (such as around guardrails). Care is taken to avoid applications before, during and immediately after wet weather events, and windy conditions. Refer to the individual co-permittee P2 reports for specific measures.				
BMP (mechanism)	Procedures Developed?	Pounds Used	Summarize Measures Taken to Minimize Usage				
Fertilizer Usage	Yes	67640 Pounds	Miami Township also used 518 gallons of liquid fertilizer. Not all co-permittees use fertilizers - 10 applied none in 2025. Those that do may conduct the applications themselves or hire a contractor. Care is taken to avoid applications before, during and immediately after wet weather events, and windy conditions. Some apply fertilizers only in small specific areas, such as cemeteries when establishing graves sites. See the individual co-permittee P2 reports for specific measures.				

BMP (mechanism)	Procedures Developed?	Document Amount of Material Collected and Properly Disposed
Street Sweeping	Yes	74 cubic yards. Only the City of Milford and Villages of Batavia and Williamsburg conducted street sweeping. Others use Municipal Court Community alternative sentencing individuals to clean litter and large items from roadways.
BMP (mechanism)	Summarize Any New or Existing Flood Management Projects that were Assessed for Impacts on Water Quality	
Flood Management Projects	No flood management projects were conducted in 2025	
BMP (mechanism)	Summary	

No records found

POLLUTION PREVENTION/GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

Summarize activities you plan to undertake for the next reporting cycle.

BMP (mechanism)	Responsible Party	Measurable Goal	Summary of Planned Activities	Proposed Schedule
Inspections of Municipal Facilities	All Clermont County MS4 Co-permittees	Inspections of individual MS4 systems, service department grounds, fleet maintenance facilities, parks, cemeteries and other facilities according to their existing schedules	Each co-permittee will continue to inspect their individual MS4 systems, service department grounds, fleet maintenance facilities (if they exist), parks, cemeteries and other facilities according to their existing schedules. An end-of-year comprehensive inspection of each co-permittee will be conducted by Clermont Soil & Water staff.	Inspection schedules vary by co-permittee. Activities will be conducted year-round.

Comments: N/A

Minimize Fertilizer Runoff	All MS4 Co-permittees that use fertilizers	Use fertilizer only where needed; apply only in appropriate conditions	MS4 co-permittees that use fertilizer will apply it only in areas needed, and will not conduct applications during wet weather, or when significant rain is forecast.	Spring through Fall
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Comments: N/A

Employee Training	All Clermont County MS4 Co-permittees, Clermont Soil & Water	Each co-permittee will attend a minimum of one training session related to storm water management	Known training includes the Ohio Storm Water Conference, Regional Storm Water Collaborative's Storm Water Management Field Day, and the annual training session hosted by Clermont Soil & Water for all permit partners.	Ohio Storm Water Conference - May 2026; Clermont SWCD Training Seminar - October 2026, Storm Water Management Field Day - September 2026
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Comments: N/A

Minimize Pesticide Runoff	All MS4 Co-permittees that conduct spraying	Obtain training needed to maintain commercial applicators license, or contract with licensed applicator. Apply only during appropriate conditions	All MS4 Co-permittees that conduct spraying will either obtain training needed to maintain their commercial applicators licenses, or contract with a licensed applicator. Applications will not be made during or immediately after wet weather, or when significant rain is forecast, or during excessively windy conditions.	Spring through Fall
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Comments: N/A

Disposal of Wastes Collected from MS4	All Clermont County MS4 Co-permittees	Proper disposal of waste collected from the MS4	Waste collected from the MS4 may be disposed of in one of three ways. If the waste is uncontaminated soil/sediment or vegetation, this may be used as fill or mulch on public properties such as parks and cemeteries (excluding swales, ditches and streams). Any garbage/trash collected will be disposed of as solid waste. Any waste contaminated with oil or other hazardous material will be disposed of as hazardous waste.	Year round
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Comments: N/A

Road Salt Minimization	All MS4 Co-permittees	Reduce salt usage to the greatest extent possible while still maintaining safe driving conditions and protecting public safety.	Strategies vary among co-permittees, but range from training and dry weather runs before the winter season begins, careful monitoring of weather forecasts and road conditions, pre-treatment with brine, calibrating spreader equipment, minimizing settings on spreaders, narrow spreading along the road centerline, and treating only intersections, curves and hills.	Winter season
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Comments: N/A

PROPOSED CHANGES TO YOUR SWMP (IF ANY)

Summarize any proposed changes to your SWMP, including changes to any BMPs or any identified measurable goals that apply to the program elements. If you fail to satisfy measurable goals for the reporting year, please explain why.

No significant changes were made to the existing SWMP. In 2026, Clermont County will work review and update all stormwater permit programs and develop a revised SWMP following the issuance of the new MS4 permit.

VARIANCES GRANTED (IF ANY)

Identify and summarize any variances granted under your storm water program.

No variances were granted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please add any additional comments or attachments below.

In 2025, US EPA conducted a full audit of Clermont County's MS4 programs. Only minor issues were found, primarily related to MCM#6 activities. All concerns raised by US EPA have been addressed. Copies of the inspection report and findings, Clermont County's responses, and a letter from US EPA stating that all issues were addressed, are attached.

Also attached are individual MCM6 reporting forms for each co-permittee.

Additional Information attachment(s): [OHQ400003_ClermontCoMS4_InspF_20250708_Clermont response.pdf](#), [OHQ400003_ClermontCoMS4_NFIL_20251204.pdf](#), [OHQ400003_ClermontCoMS4_InspF_20250708.pdf](#), [2025 Phase II Annual Report_Pollution Prevention.pdf](#)