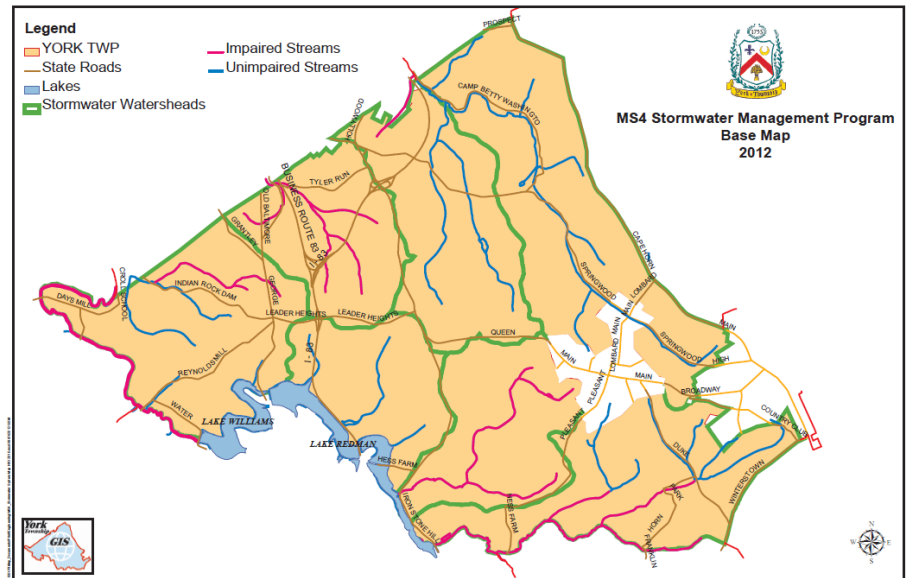


Clean Water for York Township

Clean Water Challenges York Township is blessed with an abundance of streams that enhance our living, working, learning, and playing community. But many of our streams are degraded by high levels of nutrients, sediments, and other pollutants. A York County Coalition for Clean Water draft report lists almost 28 miles of streams in York Township as needing restoration. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP) lists the following streams in York Township as “impaired” by siltation and flow alteration:

- * an unnamed tributary to Mill Creek
- * Tyler Run and its tributaries
- * an unnamed tributary to South Branch of Codorus Creek
- * South Branch of Codorus Creek
- * Inners Creek and its tributaries
- * East Branch of Codorus Creek
- * Barshinger Creek and most of its tributaries

Costs of “impaired” streams include: increased flooding hazard; increased infrastructure damage; increased drinking water treatment costs; diminished recreational opportunities, etc.



Regulatory Requirements On June 25, 2013, the PA-DEP informed York Township that its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is eligible for coverage under the PAG-13 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit. **That coverage comes with expanded regulatory requirements.**

Also, PAG-13 coverage requires the Township to develop and submit a Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction (CBPR) Plan by February 1, 2014, to the PA-DEP. Upon PA-DEP’s approval, the Township must implement the CBPR Plan “to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment from **existing** stormwater discharges into streams in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed”. **Implementing the stormwater best management practices (BMPs) to address existing discharges will increase costs.**

Common Ground MS4s countywide, statewide, and nationwide face similar regulatory requirements. York Township has incorporated ideas from MS4s across the nation into its existing Stormwater Management Program and will continue in the future. Also, the Township is encouraging the development and implementation of the York County CBPR Plan, where efficiencies of selecting projects with best benefit to cost ratios can be selected from around the county, rather than only by and within each municipality. **York Township encourages residents and businesses to talk to us about how you can contribute to the effort to protect and improve the streams in York Township. Call 717-741-3861 extension 134 or email j.sholly@yorktownship.com.**