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NOTICE JULY 5, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the July 4th Holiday, the regular July meeting of Borough Council has been changed to Tuesday, July 5th, 2011.

Items to be discussed during the meeting include the Lycoming County Water and Sewer Authority (LCWSA) request for the Borough to repay the \$615,000.00 paid to the Borough in 2003 for the purchase of 100,000 gallons of excess sewer capacity. The LCWSA has indicated that, if the Borough does not decide to repay the \$615,000.00 before July 6, 2011, their next meeting date, they will withdraw their offer to accept, without interest, the \$615,000.00 as payment in full to resolve this matter.

Since no member of the current Borough Council had also served on Council in 2003, Council has been gathering information in order to make a thoughtful and deliberative decision that will be in the best interest of the Montoursville Borough residents and sewer users. To obtain needed information, former Council members who had participated in the 2002-2003 discussions and subsequent "Agreement" that resulted in the Borough being paid the \$615,000.00 by the LCWSA, including; Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. William Holmes, Mrs. Marian Harris, Mrs. Tina Lorson, and Mrs. Kathie Hunter, have been asked to attend the July 5th meeting to discuss, with Borough residents and Borough Council, the final 2003 "Agreement" between the LCWSA and the Borough. The LCWSA contends that the \$615,000.00 should not have been paid to the Borough but instead "should have been applied directly to the County to reduce the debt on behalf (of) the sewer users in Montoursville." Former Street and Water Commissioner Frank Tallman, and former Borough Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Holt (who has indicated that he has personal knowledge of the transaction with the LCWSA in 2003, and also knows why the \$615,000.00 was not repaid to the LCWSA when requested in 2008) have also been asked to attend the July 5th meeting. The presence of former Council members and Borough employees who were involved in the process that produced the 2003 "Agreement," will provide current Council members with an opportunity to better understand the process and allow members, and the public, to seek answers to questions that will be helpful when Council considers how best to respond to the request made by the LCWSA.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on July 5th, 2011.

DOES MONTOURSVILLE NEED TO REPAY \$615,000.00 TO THE LCWSA AND, IF SO, WHY?

On March 11, 2008, the Lycoming County Water and Sewer Authority (LCWSA) informed the then Borough Council that the Borough needed to repay \$615,000.00 that was mistakenly paid to the Borough in 2003 for the purchase of "100,000 gallons of (sewer) capacity that was used for the Halls Station sewer extension." The LCWSA letter to the Borough stated that the \$615,000.00 should not have been paid to the Borough but instead "should have been applied directly to the County to reduce the debt on behalf (of) the sewer users in Montoursville."

On April 29, 2008, then Borough Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Holt forwarded the March 11, 2008 letter from the LCWSA to then Council members and informed them that the remaining balance in the Sewer Fund cash account (the account in which the original \$615,000.00 had been deposited) as of that date was \$236,000.00. He explained that \$136,000.00 had been paid from the Sewer Fund for the "Levee Feasibility Study," several vehicles had been purchased using money from the fund, and money from the fund had been used to balance the Budget for several years. It appears that no action was taken on the LCWSA request by Council at that time. (continued on next page.)

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DOES MONTOURSVILLE NEED TO REPAY \$615,000.00 TO THE LCWSA AND, IF SO, WHY?

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The request by the LCWSA was discussed at the May 2nd, 2011 public meeting of Borough Council. Since no member of the present Borough Council served on Council in 2003, representatives from the LCWSA were present to provide information about the transaction to members of the public and to Borough Council. Present during the meeting were all current members of Borough Council, Mayor Dorin (the only elected official who also served in office in 2003.), Borough Solicitor Garth Everett, LCWSA Executive Director Christine Maggi-Weigle, and LCWSA Chairman Jan Ransdorf. Christine Maggi-Weigle told us that the LCWSA expected the Borough to return the money received in 2003 so it could be applied to reduce the debt owed by the sewer users in Montoursville. Mrs. Maggi-Weigle indicated that if the Borough elected not to repay the \$615,000.00 in full without interest, the LCWSA would most likely apply an additional specific fee, in the amount of approximately \$3.50 - \$4.00 per EDU, to each Montoursville Borough sewer user's monthly bill until the debt, plus interest, was paid in full.

Although no decision was made at the May 2nd meeting, Council members voiced the opinion that they did not think a surcharge should be placed on every Montoursville sewer user's monthly bill to repay the money the Borough received from the LCWSA in 2003. It is the consensus of Council that if the \$615,000.00 must be repaid, it should be repaid by using existing Borough funds without increasing either taxes or water rates. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact your Councilperson or Borough Hall.

MONTOURSVILLE RECREATION BOARD SUMMER EVENTS INDIAN PARK STAGE

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| July 7 th | Jordan River Gospel Quartet – 7:00 p.m. |
| July 14 th | RAIN DATE: Jordan River Gospel Quartet
7:00 p.m. |
| July 21 st | Women Barbershop Chorus – 7:00 p.m. |
| July 28 th | RAIN DATE: Women Barbershop Chorus
7:00 p.m. |
| August 2 nd | Repasz Band Montoursville Auditorium – 7:00 p.m. |
| October 2 nd | RAIN DATE Harvest Parade – 1:00pm |

Possible August performance
by Jazz Trio

LOCAL WWII VETERANS RECOGNIZED



(Pictured L-R) Council President Robert C. Brobson, Mr. Paul L. Kremser and Mr. Howard W. Kremser

On June 6th, 2011 at Montoursville Borough Council's regular meeting, Council President Robert C. Brobson presented Letters of Recognition for Honorable Military Service during World War II, to Mr. Howard W. Kremser and Mr. Paul L. Kremser, both lifelong residents of Montoursville Borough. The brothers were both assigned to the 8th Air Force stationed in the European Combat Zone during WWII.

The letters of Recognition noted that: "the United States became involved in World War II on December 7th, 1941, when Japan's military forced attacked United States military installations at and near Pearl Harbor, HI. When our Nation mobilized to combat this threat to our National security, the (Kremser brothers) responded to the call. They served honorably in the deadliest conflict in human history. Men of their generation have been described as 'humble men who never bragged about what they had done or been through; loyal, hard working, patriotic, level headed individuals who took responsibility for their own life;' both Mr. Howard Kremser and Mr. Paul Kremser personify that description."

Brobson noted: "It was indeed an honor and a privilege to present the Letters of Recognition to such courageous and humble men on behalf of the entire Montoursville community and members of Borough Council. We sincerely appreciate their sacrifice and dedication to preserve our freedom and liberty."

Borough Council will be honoring other veterans at future meetings. If you know a veteran who resides in the Borough of Montoursville, please let us know by contacting Borough Hall at 570-368-2486.

KONKLE LIBRARY NEWS



The Summer Season is here at Konkle Library on Broad Street in Montoursville! Many preparations are making this a busy season. The Friends of the Library are busy maintaining the used book sale during normal business. The Annual Support for the Friends of Konkle is in full swing. Stop in or mail your donation anytime. The address for Konkle Library is 384 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17754. All monies for the Annual Drive go for materials in the library.

The preparations and sign-ups have begun for the summer reading program for the children. The theme for the program this summer is – "One World – Many Stories." More information is on the webpage. The web-site is www.konklelibrary.org. There are many children's programs at Konkle. There are activity sheets for prizes and a "coloring contest." All children are welcome from age 11/2 through teens. Stop in and get a free library card or use your active one. The summer reading program began June 10 and continues through Friday, August 5. Please phone the library during business hours at 368-1840 with any questions.

The Konkle Library and Staff would like to acknowledge a special gift received from Weis Markets. The presentation was made at the Grand Opening of their Montoursville Store on Sunday, February 27.

Konkle Library offers a new card to any Lycoming County resident free of charge. There is a free service for downloading e-books in the County system.

The hours for the Konkle Library are:

Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

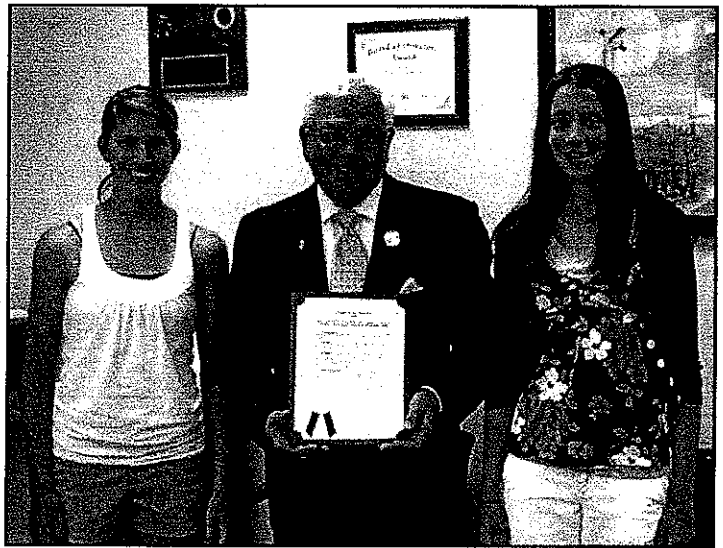
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beginning June 25,

Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. through Saturday, September 3.

Come visit the library!

SPORTS RECOGNITION



(Pictured L-R) McKenzie Ruffing, Mayor John Dorin and Alexis Weisser. Absent were Brianna Spitler, Lana Spitler, and Taylor Eshbach.

At the Montoursville Borough Council meeting on June 6th 2011, Mayor John Dorin presented a Letter of Recognition to McKenzie Ruffing and Alexis Weisner. They represented a group of five participations from Montoursville High School who won the gold medal for the State Class AA 3200 girls relay at the Seth Grove Stadium at Shippensburg University.

MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH ORDINANCE REMINDER

Dog Ordinance – You may not allow your dog to run at large or defecate on another's property.

Tree Ordinance – Trees must be trimmed nine feet above a sidewalk and fourteen feet above the street.

Street Ordinance – You may not blow grass clippings into or onto the Borough Streets.

Accumulations on Private Property – It is unlawful for the owner, tenant or occupant to permit accumulations of garbage, refuse or rubbish, or to permit grass, weeds or brush to exceed the height of eight inches.

Barking Dog Ordinance – It is unlawful to own, harbor or keep in custody any dog which disturbs the peace by barking, howling or making other loud noises to the annoyance and discomfort of any person in the Borough of Montoursville.

WATER NEWS

Water sales in the Borough for the second quarter were 85,276,237 gallons to a multitude of gas companies. The Borough has used some of this money to install a mixing chamber down near Mill Street which was required by the Department of Environmental Protection. This project is expected to be complete by the end of June 2011.

FYI: DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE MONTOURSVILLE AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION LOCATED AT 999 N. LOYALSOCK AVE. SUITE A (IN THE PARKVIEW CENTER BY WALMART) THEY OFFER MANY SERVICES INCLUDING: NO FEE CHECKING ACCOUNTS; LOW INTEREST VISA CARDS; HOME EQUITY, CAR AND UNSECURED SIGNATURE LOANS. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR LOCAL CREDIT UNION SERVICES BY JOINING TODAY.

ZONING AND CODES

The Montoursville Borough has changed its Zoning and Code Enforcements. Central Keystone Council of Governments (COG) became available at the beginning of May and the Borough chose to go with them because they do a number of fine communities including Lewisburg and are extremely cost effective.

Any codes issues/permits please contact the Borough office at 368-2468.

Central Keystone Council of Governments, 1610 Industrial Boulevard Suite 400A, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Phone: 1-877-457-9401

Matthew Sauer – Director of Planning and Zoning.

Gerald Kilgus – Building Inspector/Sewage Enforcement Officer.

James Emery – Code Enforcement Officer

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING OF BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

The Borough is looking for volunteers for the Indian Park VIP's (some of the greatest people you will ever meet) and the Recreation Board that plans the community events. If you want to get involved in your Borough, please call us at 368-2486.

PICNIC

Wednesdays 10:00 to 4:00

June 29th – July 13th

Indian Park-Pavilion #4, Montoursville

Wednesdays 10:00 to 4:00

July 20th – July 27th, perhaps August

Indian Park-Pavilion #5, Montoursville

Cost - Donation

Reservation a Must!

Morning Activities...Tai Chi, Bocce, Ladder Golf, Horse Shoes

Afternoon Activities...Cards, Walk in the Park, Watch the Ducks etc...

Lunch at Noon

Montoursville residents age 60 and older invited

**In case of rain picnic will be at Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church
31 N. Loyalsock Ave.**

Picnic Menu each Wednesday

Bring an extra beverage, cards, tablecloth etc,

Sign up 10 days before the Wednesday you want to attend-327-5490

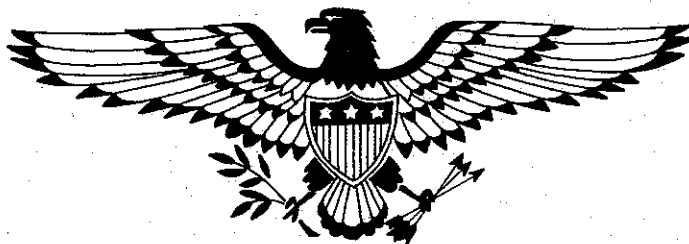
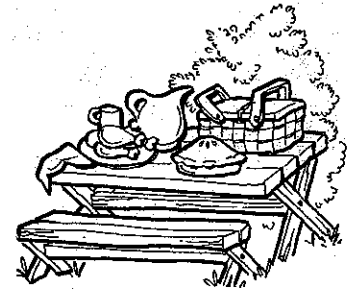
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CALENDARS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JULY						
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3	4 Holiday Borough Office Closed	5 Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	6 Planning Com. Mtg. 7 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Rec. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Zoning H.Bd Mtg. 7 p.m.	27	28	29	30
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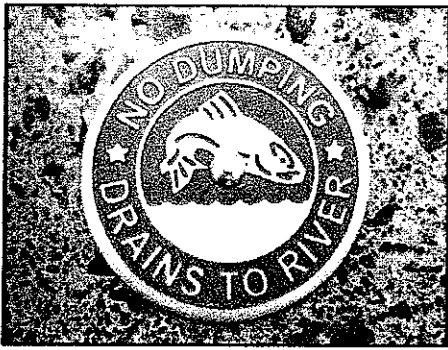
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18	19	20 Rec. Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24
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ARTICLE FROM COUNTY NEWS

Lycoming County and Local Boy Scout to Install Storm Drain Markers



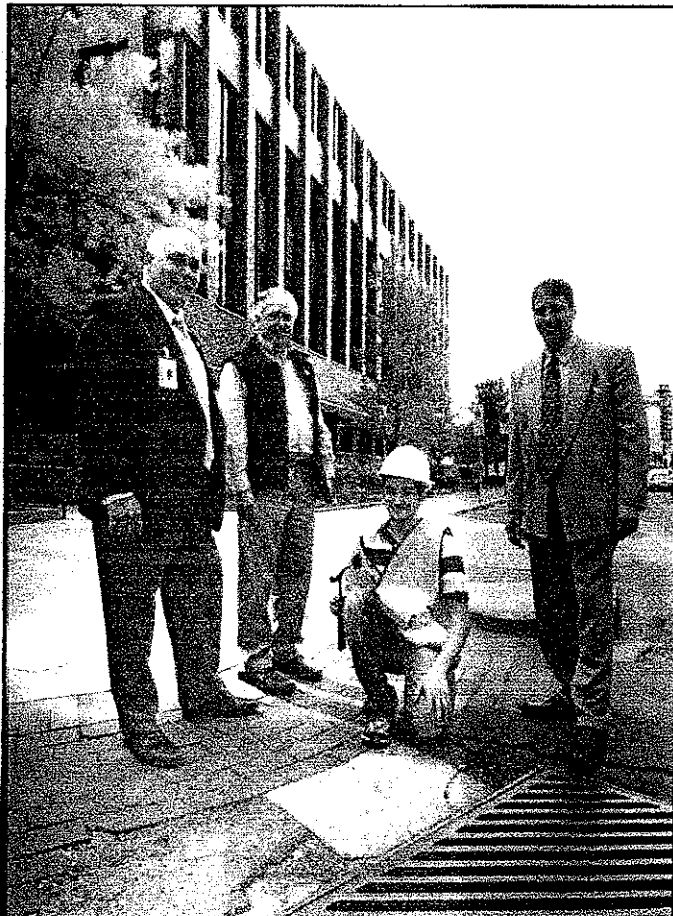
Storm drains throughout the City of Williamsport and other Lycoming County communities will soon bear a visual reminder to residents and visitors that only rain goes down the storm drain.

The County of Lycoming and Taylor Martin, an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scouts Troop 12, are partnering on an initiative to increase public understanding of stormwater infrastructure and prevent the entry of pollution into stormwater systems and our rivers.

The County has used grant funding to purchase 600 storm drain markers to be installed adjacent to storm drains (inlets) across the County. The marker is a highly durable, blue and silver aluminum disc with a raised design featuring a jumping fish and the phrase "No Dumping - Drains to River."

"Municipalities across the country have used public awareness campaigns to successfully reduce stormwater pollution," said County Commissioner Jeff C. Wheeland. "We hope to have a similar impact in Lycoming County."

For his Eagle Scout project, Martin will install approximately 300 storm drain markers within the City of Williamsport this summer. As part of the project, Martin will be responsible for coordinating the equipment and labor required to execute the project. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).



Left to right: Commissioner Jeff Wheeland; Walt Nicholson, interim executive director of the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority; Taylor Martin, and Williamsport Mayor Gabe Campana.

A kickoff event, in which Martin installed the first marker with assistance from County staff, was held Tuesday, May 10 in front of the County Courthouse. Representatives of the City of Williamsport and Williamsport Municipal Water Authority were invited to participate.

Stormwater runoff flowing through cities and towns can accumulate a variety of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals, lawn fertilizers and pesticides, automotive fluids, road salt, yard debris, trash and pet waste, all of which enter municipal storm sewers. Many citizens, mistakenly believing that stormwater is treated, are unaware that the ultimate destination of stormwater runoff is a local stream or river. Consequently, they are ignorant of the impacts that polluted storm water can have on the local watershed where they obtain drinking water and enjoy recreational activities.

The Lycoming County storm drain marker project was planned in coordination with the Williamsport Area MS4 Coalition, a group of municipalities with regulated stormwater programs. The second phase of the storm drain marker project, in which the remaining markers will be installed in the County's other major population centers outside of the City, is tentatively planned for a future Eagle Scout project.

Purchase of the storm drain markers was made possible by grant funding received by the Lycoming County Conservation District from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the Chesapeake Bay Program's Special Projects Fund.



A county employee recently spotted a similar drain marker in Salt Lake City, Utah.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR HOMEOWNERS

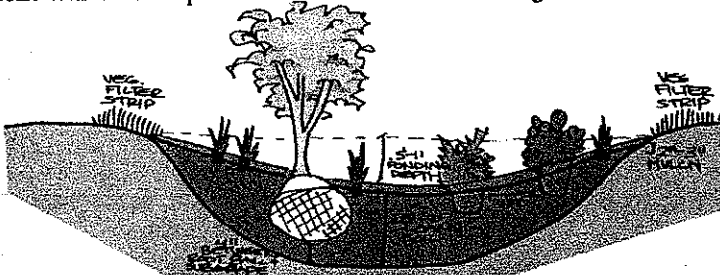
Why Is Stormwater Management Important?

Development impacts the flow-patterns and quality of water

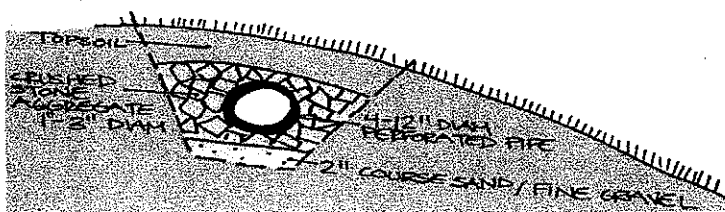
- Impervious surfaces such as concrete, asphalt and buildings prevent stormwater from infiltrating the ground and recharging aquifers as it naturally would
- These impervious surfaces create runoff at increased levels which can cause damaging flooding by increasing the amount of water in streams and rivers
- Stormwater runoff also collects pollutants like organic chemicals, excessive nutrients and petroleum hydrocarbons, all of which end up in our lakes, streams and rivers
- Increased levels of water erode stream banks and collect sediment and gravel which also pollutes the water and reduces waterway capacity

Disconnecting Impervious Surfaces

Impervious areas such as driveways, patios and roofs can be disconnected to have their stormwater runoff directed to more penetrable surfaces like lawns with desirable slopes or vegetated areas, such as swales or rain gardens. Disconnecting a downspout from a roof is best done with a downspout extension as shown to the right.



Level Spreaders are recommended for redirecting runoff to a lawn. A downspout disconnect will connect to the level spreader perforated pipe, which will distribute the runoff over a larger area of lawn, making infiltration easier. Level spreader pipes should be installed as level as possible, along a slope contour as shown below and on the right. Level spreaders should have a **minimum length of 10 feet**, for roof areas around 500 sq ft. Add 10-30 additional feet for larger impervious surfaces.



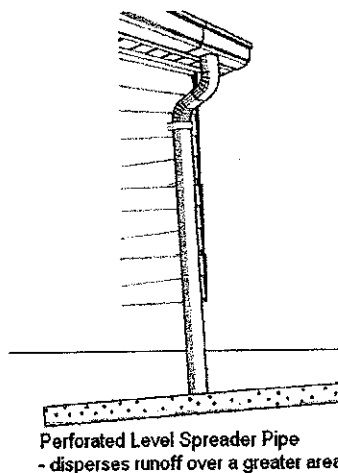
You Can Help reduce the effects of storm runoff by practicing stormwater management strategies. Fun and simple projects can be used to effectively reduce both water pollution and problems caused by flooding. Projects such as rain gardens can improve the natural beauty of your property while rain barrels can save you water.

Rain Barrels are used to simply collect rainwater for future use. The rainwater will be soft and therefore ideal for gardening and car and window washing. A rain barrel could provide you with around 1,300 gallons of water during summer months. Diverting this water from stormdrains to your barrel will decrease the impact of runoff while supplying free water.



Rain Gardens are essentially shallow depressions that contain a variety of plants. Flowers, shrubs, grasses and trees will capture, filter and infiltrate stormwater while adding a pleasant appearance that can take many shapes and forms. Rain gardens should be located 10 feet away from your house in a naturally occurring low area that gets full to partial sun. Dig a depression of no more than 1ft of ponding depth with even slopes that will create a sheet flow of runoff water over vegetated filter strips.

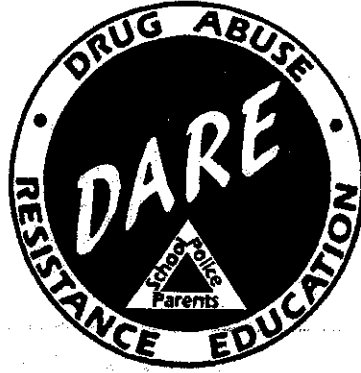
Vegetated Filter Strips are perhaps the simplest of all stormwater management strategies. Filter strips consist of vegetation or lawn that help capture runoff and remove pollutants. They should be at least 1ft wide but the wider the better. The best location is on an even slope as this will create a sheet flow. Avoid soil compaction when seeding or sodding the filter strip as compact soil would reduce the ability of runoff to infiltrate.



For more information refer to the **Lycoming County Guide to Minor Stormwater Management Plans**. Available at www.lyco.org Click on **Planning and Community Development** and then click on **Stormwater Management**

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