

# Madison County Co-Permittee Group Newsletter

JUNE 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTIONS:

TBD

### TIRE COLLECTIONS:

TBD (OCTOBER)

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTIONS:

### CJD E-CYCLING N. ROUTE 157 EDWARDSVILLE

- AUG. 8, 2020
- JUNE 6, 2020
- SEPT. 26, 2020
- OCT. 10, 2020

### FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT US AT: SUSTAINABILITY @CO.MADISON.IL.US

### APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY .AS.ME](https://recycleresponsibly.as.me)



## Introduction to the MS4 Program

In 2003 Madison County and its urbanized areas were included in the second phase of the EPA's Clean Water Act. We organized the original Madison County MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) Co-Permittee Group shortly thereafter.

Our goal was to combine our resources to address the six (6) minimum control measures required to regulate non-point source pollution:

- 1.) Public Education & Outreach
- 2.) Public Participation & Involvement
- 3.) Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination
- 4.) Construction Site Runoff Control
- 5.) Post-Construction Runoff Control
- 6.) Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.

Clean water is an essential resource for every community and resident. The goal of the MS4 program is to promote positive activities and provide resources and education to help keep water bodies clean for drinking water, recreation, wildlife habitat and aesthetic value.

Partnering with communities, municipalities and universities within Madison County, the Co-Permittee



Group is able to pool resources and share experiences to support compliance with the EPA requirements for the benefit of all within the County.

For our Co-Permittee Group to be successful, we need the continued support of leadership within our individual communities and organizations. Support of our group will be welcomed by residents who value the improvements to our rivers, lakes and streams.

We need your assistance in educating county residents about the important services provided by the MS4 program and the Madison County Co-Permittee Group.

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# Community Spotlight: Village of Godfrey

Every year, the Village of Godfrey goes above and beyond to educate, present, and grow their MS4 efforts within their community. Below are three of the many activities they host and take part in:

**Village of Godfrey's Park Department "Memorial" Trees for the 21<sup>st</sup> Arbor Day**

On April 26, 2019, 26 total trees were planted and dedicated at Glazebrook Park, LaVista Park and Hoffman Gardens. Over 300 saplings were provided to those in attendance.

**Nature Institute 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverbend Earth Day Festival**

On April 13, 2019, local entertainment, food and drinks, an artisan's market, environmental education and more was presented at this annual festival. The festival is free and open to the public. It featured nature activities and information from a variety of environmental nonprofits. Educational animal presentation was given by Serengeti Steve and TreeHouse Wildlife Center.

**Adopt-A-Highway Program in Godfrey**

A program where area groups, companies, churches and associates clean up a section of road that the groups have selected. There are 13 groups that clean over 10.6 miles of streets.

## Quarterly Meeting Review

The MS4 quarterly meeting for March was a little different this year. With COVID-19 on the rise throughout the month, the meeting was rescheduled for April. Gonzalez set up three conference calls for communities, during which various documents were presented and discussed through web conferencing. Madison County had hoped that the June meeting would take place in typical fashion; however, it appears the safest way to connect remains virtually. The bullet points to the right identify key items discussed during April's MS4 Conference Call meeting. Meeting minutes will be distributed upon request.

- EMA Update
- Watershed Plans Update
- MS4 Audit Schedule FY2020
- Annual Reports Discussion
- December's Operations Training
- Madison County's 1<sup>st</sup> MS4 Newsletter

