

The seal of Erie County, New York, is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a landscape scene: a sun rising over a river, a bridge, and a town. The shield is set against a background of a blue sky with white stars and a red and white striped field. The shield is surrounded by a decorative border with the text "SEAL OF ERIE COUNTY" at the top and "STATE OF NEW YORK" at the bottom, separated by stars.

Erie County, New York

**Department of Environment & Planning
Division of Environmental Compliance
Services**

**Erie County
Fluorescent Light, Ballast &
Appliance Recycling**

Funding agency:

U.S. EPA – Region V

Great Lakes National Program Office

Erie County Fluorescent Light, Ballast & Appliance Recycling

Primary Objective:

To reduce the amount of lead, mercury and chlorofluorocarbons entering the nonhazardous wastestream through improper disposal of fluorescent lights, ballasts, televisions and appliances.

Erie County Fluorescent Light, Ballast & Appliance Recycling

Collection Details

- drop-off style collection for household generated fluorescent lights, ballasts, televisions & appliances
- County staff unload participants' vehicles
- two contractors for recycling/disposal

Erie County Fluorescent Light, Ballast & Appliance Recycling

Collection Details

- collection events will be scheduled with the County's existing Computer Recycling events
- 2-3 collections will be held annually

Erie County Fluorescent Light, Ballast & Appliance Recycling

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ERIE COUNTY STORM WATER PHASE II REGIONAL COALITION



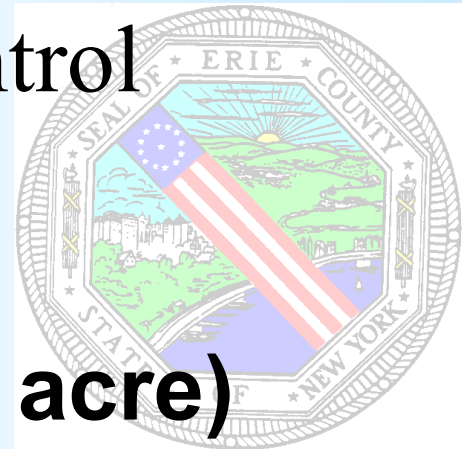
A Forum for the regulated communities in Erie and Niagara counties to share resources and work in partnership toward complying with Federal and State Storm Water Phase II requirements.

What do the Phase II Regulations Require?

Small MS4

- Develop, implement and enforce a storm water management program
- The storm water management program must include six minimum control measures

Small Construction Activity (>1 acre)



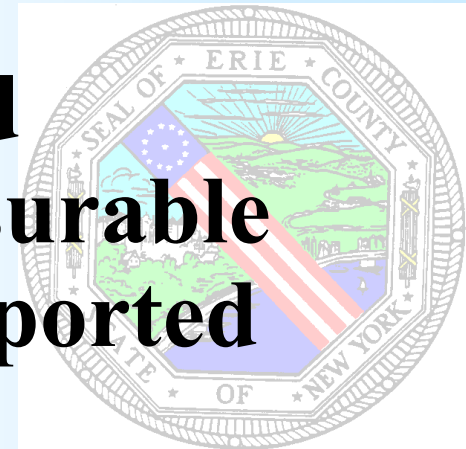
Six Minimum Control Measures

- 1. Public Education and 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 for Municipal Operations**



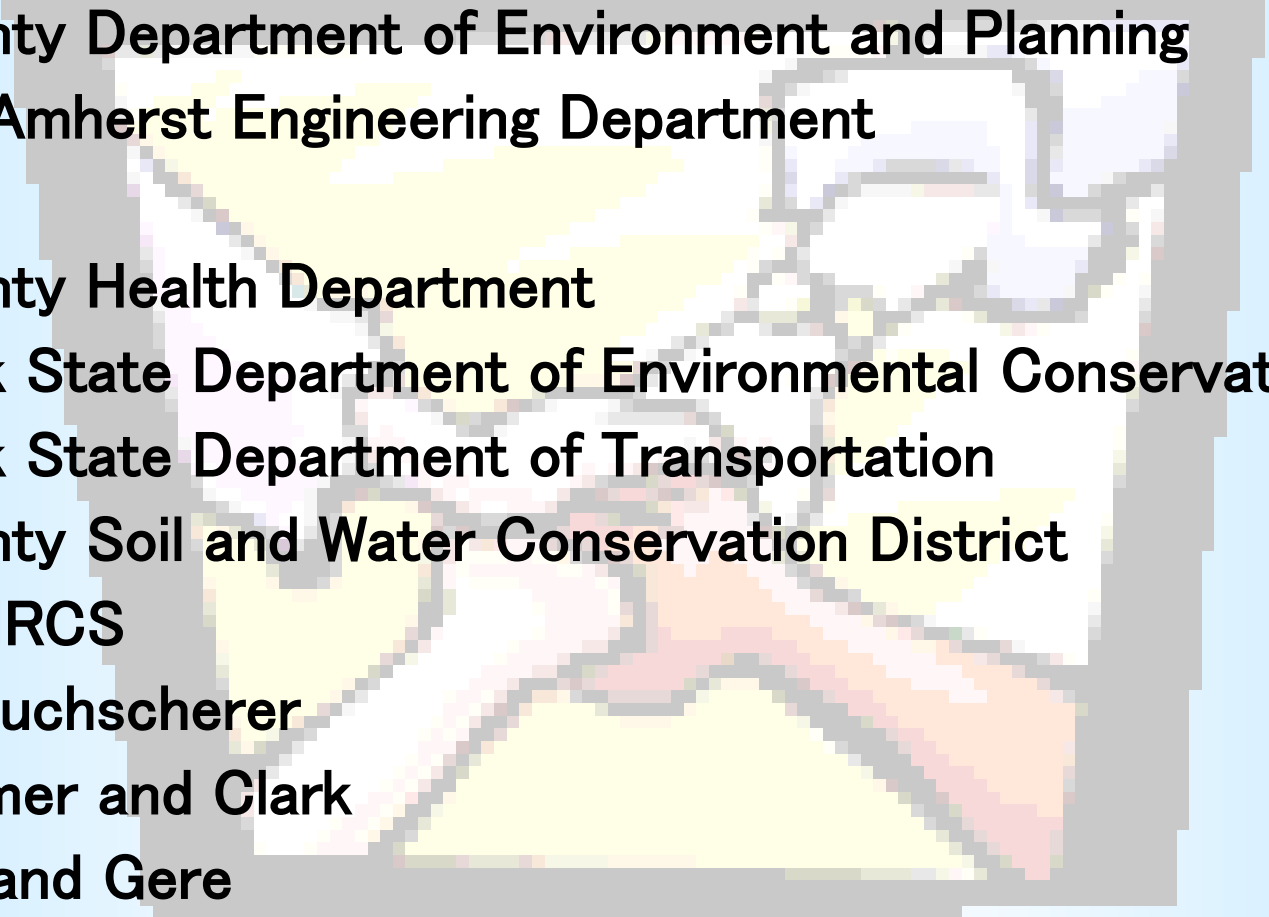
Impacts on MS4s

- **To date, Phase II regulations are an unfunded mandate**
- **U.S. EPA has estimated MS4s will spend \$3.00 - \$60.00 per capita**
- **A written Storm Water Management Program is required**
- **Implementation of BMPs and attainment of identified measurable goals must be tracked and reported annually to DEC**



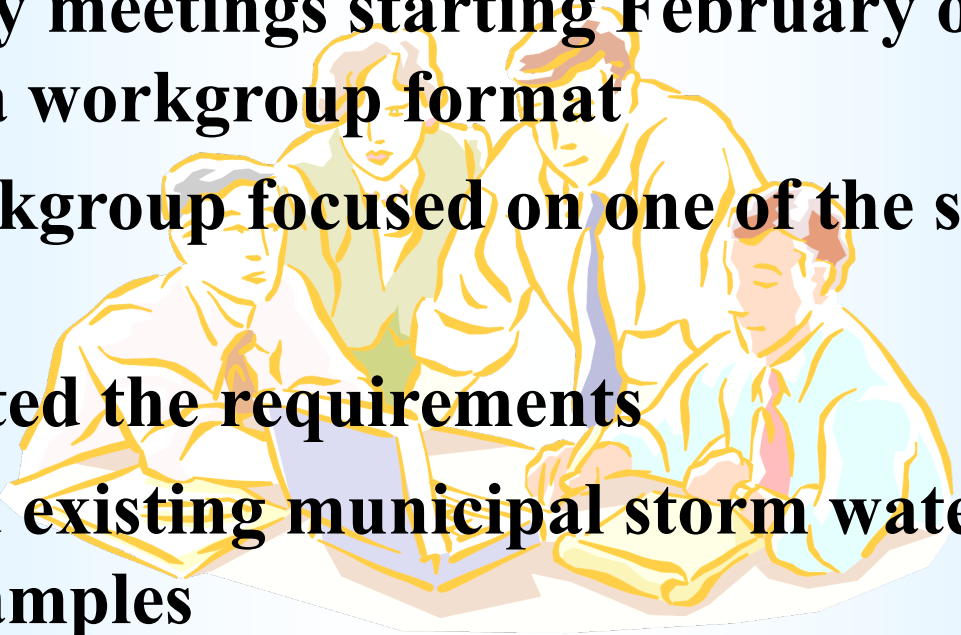
STORM WATER PHASE II REGIONAL COALITION

Participating Organizations




**Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
Town of Amherst Engineering Department
Parsons
Erie County Health Department
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Department of Transportation
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District
USDA– NRCS
Wendel Duchscherer
Nussbaumer and Clark
O’ Brien and Gere
Regulated MS4s (some, not all)**

HOW HAS THE COALITION FUNCTIONED?

- **Bimonthly meetings starting February of 2001, utilizing a workgroup format**
 - **Each workgroup focused on one of the six minimum controls**
 - **Investigated the requirements**
 - **Identified existing municipal storm water programs to use as examples**
 - **Developed strategies to guide communities in complying with the permit conditions**
 - **Identified opportunities for regional collaboration**
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- An illustration of four business professionals (three men and one woman) in a meeting. They are gathered around a table, looking at documents and a laptop. The style is a stylized, colorful drawing with a yellow and orange outline.

COALITION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Alerted the regulated community regarding the requirements**
 - **Developed a thorough understanding of the requirements**
 - **Established a network to facilitate information dissemination and regional collaboration**
 - **Surveyed the regulated communities to identify existing programs & assess needs**
 - **Initiated advance planning to prepare communities ahead of deadlines**
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Erie County DEP's ROLE

- **Organize the local network and coordinate network activities**
- **Track developments at the state and federal level**
- **Disseminate information to the network**
- **Assist and coordinate assessment of needs**
- **Develop grant proposals**

PREPARING TO SUBMIT Notice of Intent

- **Track state rule making process for final requirements**
- **Determine program elements for regional collaboration**
- **Assess and evaluate BMP categories**
- **Develop sample measurable goals**
- **Develop NOI training program**

STORM WATER COALITION

NEXT STEPS

- **Next Meeting – March 12, 2003**
- **Assessment of commitment**
- **Establish guidelines**
- **Develop a Storm Water Management Program (YEAR 1)**
- **Guide municipalities through the ordinance adoption process**
- **Public participation and education**
- **Continue to investigate the availability of resources**

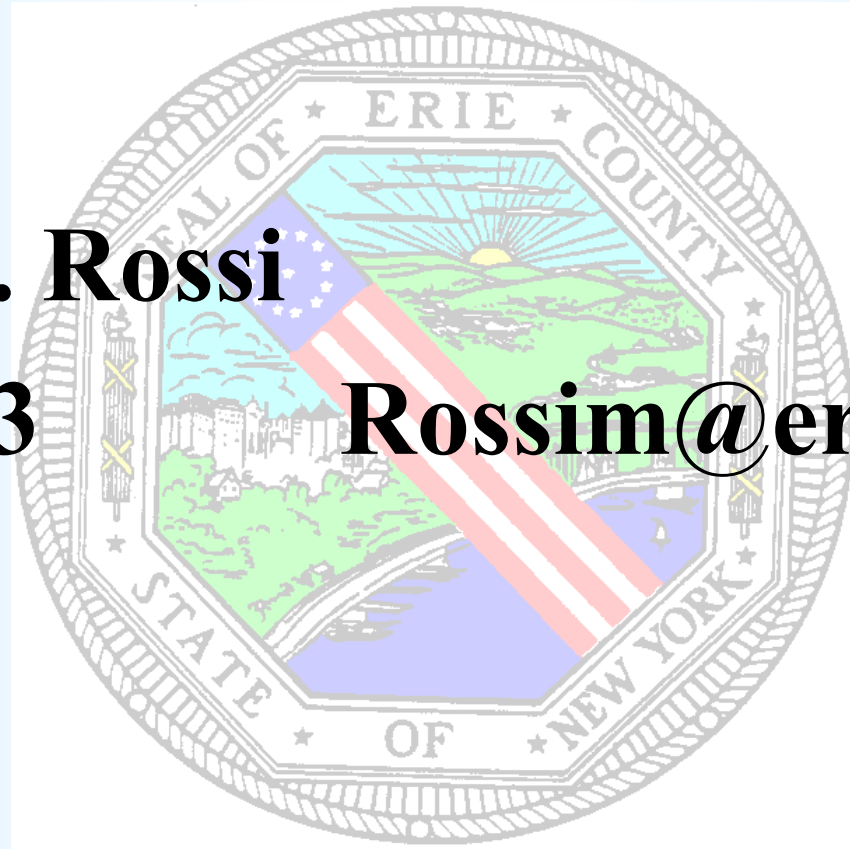
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Pollution Prevention Unit

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Healthcare Initiative

- Established a task force to evaluate waste management rules, regulations & policies that impact healthcare facilities
- Identified limitations & barriers that may prevent health care facilities from improving environmental performance

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Healthcare Initiative

- Hosting an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing workshop for hospitals & nursing facilities
- Co-hosting a series of Environmental Compliance/ Pollution Prevention/ Voluntary Audit-Environmental Management Systems Workshops for hospitals in NYS (w/ U.S. EPA)

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Healthcare Initiative

- Working on an Environmental Compliance Guide and Checklist for the Healthcare Industry
- NYSDEC and the Department of Health are conducting site visits to provide technical assistance with P2 and regulated medical waste reduction.