City of Cambridge Stormwater Management Program

Phase II NPDES

Stormwater Management Program

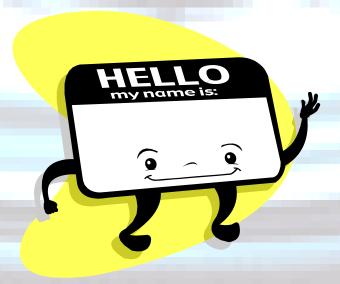
Public Meeting

March 28, 2007



Introductions

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- James Wilcox, Director of Engineering Services



Agenda

- Why are we here NPDES *The Big*Picture
- What does this mean for Cambridge
- Program Requirements
- How are we doing?

Why are we here?



- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program authorized by the Clean Water Act (CWA)
 - 1972: first round of NPDES permits
 - Regulate point discharges from municipal, industrial, and other facilities that discharge directly into surface waters
 - 1990: Phase I NPDES Stormwater Management Program
 - Stormwater discharges from medium and large municipal separate storm drainage systems with populations greater than 100,000 people
 - 1999: Phase II NPDES Stormwater Management Program
 - Stormwater discharges from small municipal separate storm drainage systems with populations of at least 50,000 and density of 1,000 people per square mile
 - Cambridge is Phase II Community

The Big Picture

- Why is the EPA doing this?
 - Preserve, protect, and improve the nation's water sources from polluted stormwater runoff by instituting controls on unregulated discharge sources.
- What does this mean to all of us?
 - Reduce contaminated discharges from getting to receiving waters

- Less than 1% of water on earth is drinkable
- 30% of known pollution to nation's waters is attributable to stormwater runoff.



Runoff Discharges to Nearby Waters



What is stormwater?

Runoff from natural precipitation, such as rain and snow melt that runoff surfaces during and after a storm.



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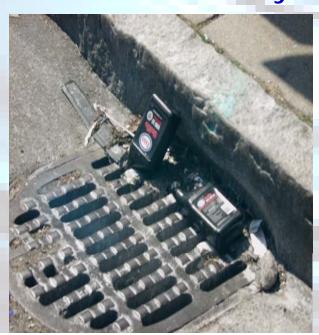
How does Stormwater become a Problem?

Developed and disturbed land contributes to

problems:

Water Quantity

Water Quality







What does this mean for Cambridge?

- Phase II community
- NOI submitted July 2003
- Currently completing Year 4
- Revised SWMP in 2006

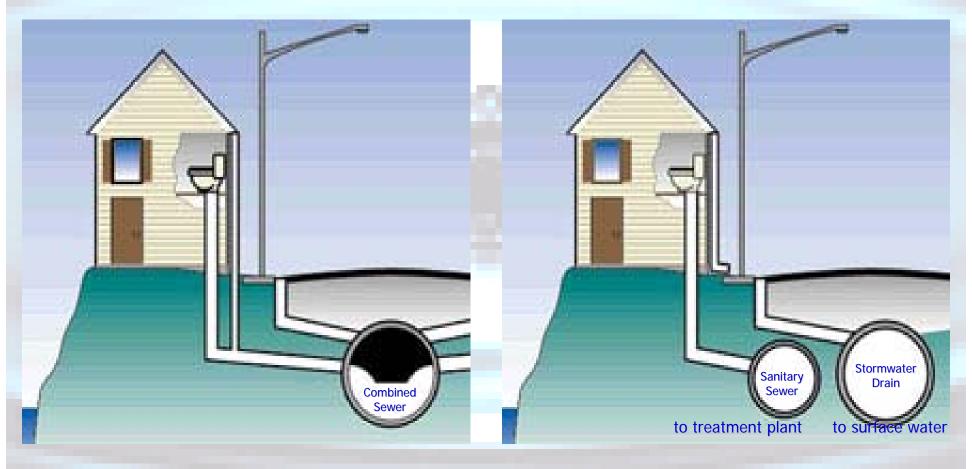
Phase II Requirements

Reduce discharges of pollutants from a regulated stormwater system (MS4) to the *maximum extent practicable*, to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act.



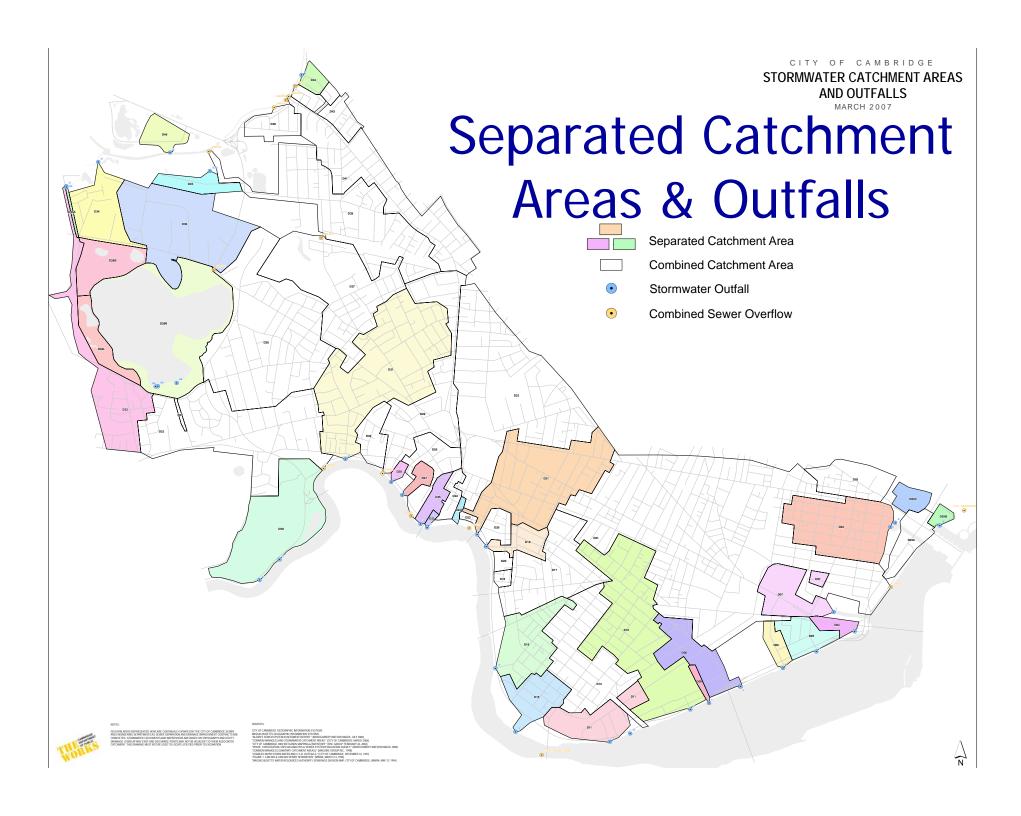


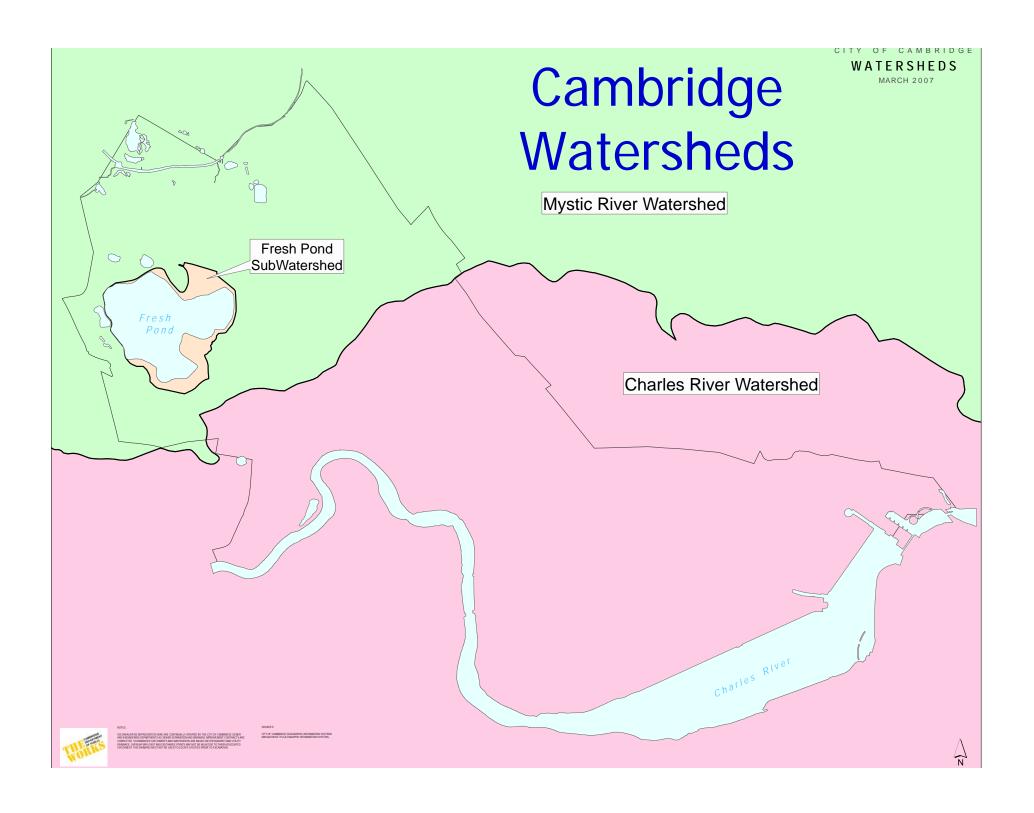
What is a regulated MS4 system?



Combined system

Separated system (MS4)





City Watersheds, Outfalls and Pollutants:

Receiving Water	Watershed	No. of Outfalls	Impaired ?	Impairment
Alewife Brook (includes Little River)	Boston Harbor: Mystic	5	YES	Metals, Nutrients, Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen, Pathogens, Oil and Grease, Taste, Odor and Color, Objectionable deposits
Charles River	Charles River	22	YES	Unknown Toxicity, Priority Organics, Metals, Nutrients, Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen, Pathogens, Oil and Grease, Taste, Odor and Color, Noxious Plants Turbidity

City Watersheds, Outfalls and Pollutants

Receiving Water	Watershed	No. of Outfalls	Impaired ?	Impairment
Wellington Brook	Boston Harbor: Mystic River	2	NO	
Fresh Pond & Little Fresh Pond	Fresh Pond	3	NO	
Blacks Nook	Fresh Pond	0	YES	Nutrients Noxious Plants
Unnamed Tributary ("Millers River")	Charles River	0	YES	Organics Metals Oil and Grease Taste, odor, color

How does the Phase II Program protect waterways?

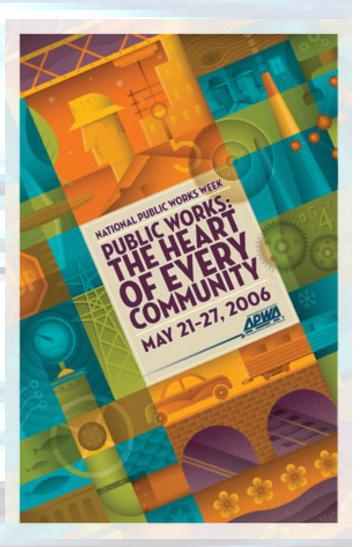
Develop a Stormwater Management Program

- Address 6 Minimum Control Measures
 - Public education/outreach
 - 2. Public involvement/participation
 - 3. Illicit discharge detection/elimination
 - 4. Construction Site stormwater runoff control
 - 5. Post-construction stormwater management
 - 6. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations
- Develop and implement Best Management Practices to address each program area

#1. Public Education & Outreach

Conduct outreach activities about the impacts of stormwater discharges on water bodies and the steps that the public can take to reduce pollutants in stormwater





#1. What have we been doing:

- Educating Children, Residents and Businesses
 - > meetings, brochures, web site, school visits
 - > posting information on web site
 - > evaluating mass media efforts
 - > PSA on CAT TV-8
 - Partnering with Think Blue Think Again Program
 - Stormwater Marker Program









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The City of Cam<mark>bridge</mark> Department of Public Works sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. Contact DPW at **617.349.4800** for the date of the next collection day. If you witness illegal dumping of waste materials into catch basins, call DPW immediately – and

For more information on used oil recycling, contact the DPW Recycling Program at 617.349.4800 or visit v.ci.cambridge.ma.us/~TheWorks

- Many car care products contain toxic chemicals that
- · Motor oil, antifreeze, battery acid, gasoline, car waxes, degreasers, radiator flushes, and rust preven-tatives can all contribute to contamination, and pose direct threats to fish and other aquatic species.
- A single quart of motor oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water. A gallon of oil can create an eight acre oil slick.
- Contaminates in stormwater runoff can impact fishing and swimming conditions.
- Cars can pollute indirectly through emissions-born metals and other pollutants.

What You Can Do

When changing fluids from your car, drain into a clean and unbreakable container, seal it and label it Take the fluids to a hazardous waste collection site.



- Never pour any chemicals or hazardous substances from cars down catch basin (stormwate drains), on the ground, or leave in driveways or parking lots.
- Recycle used oil by returning it to the point of purchase with your receipt. The law (MGL Ch 21 S. 52A) requires retailers to accept it and recycle at no cost to you.
- Quickly contain and clean up spills. Do not wash it away with a hose.
- Check your car regularly for leaks
- Car pooling, public transportation, walking or using a bicycle for transportation helps reduce all kinds of car emissions-borne pollutants.
- Don't "top off" when fueling your car.
- Use a car wash to clean cars. They're connected to by recycling rinse water.
- . If you wash your own car, use a shutoff nozzle on n you wasn your own car, use a shutoff nozzle on your hose, use detergent and water sparingly, use non-phosphate, biodegradable detergents, and wash on a pervious surface area that will absorb the water (such as grass) whenever possible.



#1. What's new?

- Provide educational materials in different languages
- Post NOI, Annual Reports on web page
- Enhance distribution of materials to wider audience





Alternative Languages

Recycling & Trash Guidelines

- English
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Haitian



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- osinon resipyan/ves nan sache plastik.
- an ap fêt lan jou apre a.

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fev & fatre lakou:

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3 pye

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- papye journal & magazir (papye ki klere a ok)
- liv telefòn & reklam lapos (CD ak plastik ki vlope I la pa ladan I)
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(fèblan, fè & aliminyom)

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(tout koulé)

mamit féblan

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- 3. OSWA, pote nan Sant Drop-off la gwo bwat katon ki pwop.
- Yo pa aksepte bwat pizza sòfsi ou retire pati bwat la ki gen gres e ou mete I deyo ak papye miks yo.

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 ki make ak yon dekal wouj fatra lakou Vil la pou li bay
- sou la ri a (dekal la), osinon mete yo nan yon chache papye blan ki fêt pou fatra lakou (pa klipse oswa tepe chache a)

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- okenn stiwofom okenn stiwofom ki pou anpakte
- okenn moso ve ki kraze okenn fenet an glas okenn seso rad
- okenn asyet oswa ve okenn anpoul limye

- okenn plato papye ke yo delivre manje ladan yo okenn liv a kouveti di*
- "Yo aksepte atik id make ak aksteriis Ian nan Sant "Drop off" Ia pandan W

o pap ramase





Web Page Development



Stormwater Management



Management Plan

resentations

Projects

Brochures, Reports

Stormwater management is how we control the quantity and quality of stormwater through the use of structural controls like pipes, detention basins and catch basins and non-structural controls like public education and monitoring. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) studies have demonstrated that stormwater pollution is one of the most significant sources of water pollution today. When it rains or snow melts, the resulting stormwater picks up or dissolves pollutants and washes them into stormwater conveyance systems. Polluted stormwater runoff is often discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment. Common pollutants include oil, grease and metals from cars and roadways; pesticides and fertilizers from lawn maintenance activities; sediment from construction sites; and the improper disposal of litter including cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles. Stormwater can impair waterways, degrade animal habitat, pollute drinking water, increase flooding, cause erosion of streambeds or siltation of waterways, and decrease the amount of water recharged to aquifers.

Stormwater Hotline:

Report illegal dumping into catch basins or dirty looking discharges from outfalls to the DPW by calling (617) 349-4800 or (617) 349-4846, or by e-mail to:

TheWorks@cambridgema.gov

Related Links

Distribute information more widely



Articles in CityView

 Public Service Announcement on City – TV8

- Attended Home & Energy Fair
- Classroom Presentations









Traveling Exhibits

Waste Disposal

- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly, not in storm drains or catch basins.
- Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.





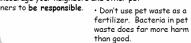


Remember -Don't pou household products that contain chemicals on the ground, into catch basins or down the drain. Products such as insecticides. pesticides oil-based paint solvents and used motor oil and other auto fluids must be properly disposed. The City of Cambridge sponsors several Household Hazardous Waste collection events each year.

Pet Care

waste can be a major source of cteria and excess nutrients in local ters. Waste dumped or washed into tch basins is carried directly to our terways and contributes to excessive owth of algae and aquatic weeds.

llways clean up after your pet and pose of the waste in the trash, in a aled or tied plastic bag, or in a toilet. ncourage your neighbors and other pet



· Don't add pet waste to compost piles. The pile will never aet hot enough to kill disease causing organisms.





Everyday personal actions you take can have a significant impact on the quality

Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

Water washing over the land, whether from rain, snow melt, car washing or the watering of lawns and gardens picks up an array of contaminants including oils. metals and bacteria. These contaminants are deposited directly into local waterways overland or transported though catch basins. In Cambridge this runoff finds its way to the Charles River and to the Alewife Brook. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that pollution from water runoff is the single largest cause of our nation's water quality problems.

Lawn and Garden Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens can wash off and pollute local waterways. In addition, yard clippings, leaves and bare soils can also wash off further contributing to local water pollution problems.



Purchase and use nontoxic and biodegradable products whenever

Avoid applications if the forecast calls for rain.

• Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

· Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.

Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas.

• Recycle yard waste and place in barrels with City stickers or in paper yard waste bags, or let your grass clippings lie and mulch fall leaves.

- Don't over water your lawns and gardens. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the catch basins. Install a rain barrel or cistern to capture the rainwater from your roof for use in your yard.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscape projects to prevent these from being blown or washed into catch basins.



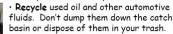


Auto Care

Washing your car, degreasing auto parts and doing tune-ups at home can send detergent, oil and other containments to local waterways. Dumping automotive fluids into catch basins has the same results as dumping the materials directly into the Charles River and Alewife Brook.



- Clean up spilled fluids such as brake fluid, oil, grease, and antifreeze with absorbent materials. Don't wash spills into nearby catch basins. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into catch
- Check you car, motorcycle and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible.



· Reduce automobile use by carpooling. riding public transportation, riding your bike or walking. When it rains, air pollution turns into stormwater pollution.





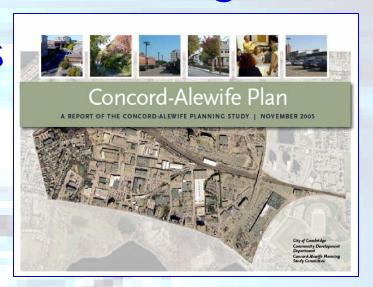
#2. Public Participation & Involvement

Provide opportunities for the public to participate in stormwater program



#2. What have we been doing:

- Support volunteer efforts
 - sampling
 - grant support
 - clean ups
 - plantings
 - public meetings



- Participate in Watershed & Planning efforts
 - Concord-Alewife Planning Effort
 - > Tri-Community (A B C Flooding Group)
- Recycling & Household Hazardous
 Waste Programs



#2. What's new?

- Developed LID
 Guidelines for the Concord-Alewife area
- Volunteer Planting at Little Fresh Pond



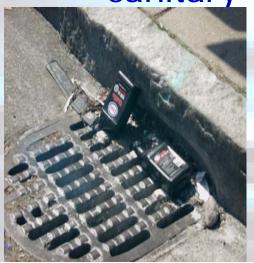


#3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination

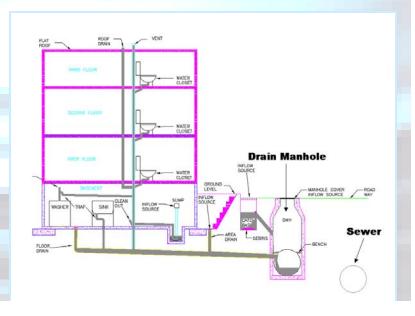
Prohibit, identify and remove illicit connections and discharges

- What are illicit discharges
 - improper disposal of auto and household toxics

sanitary wastewater







#3. What have we been doing?

 GIS mapping of our system with catchment, outfall and pipe information



 Building and TV inspections, die testing, sampling, and removal of illicits



Separation of Common Manholes

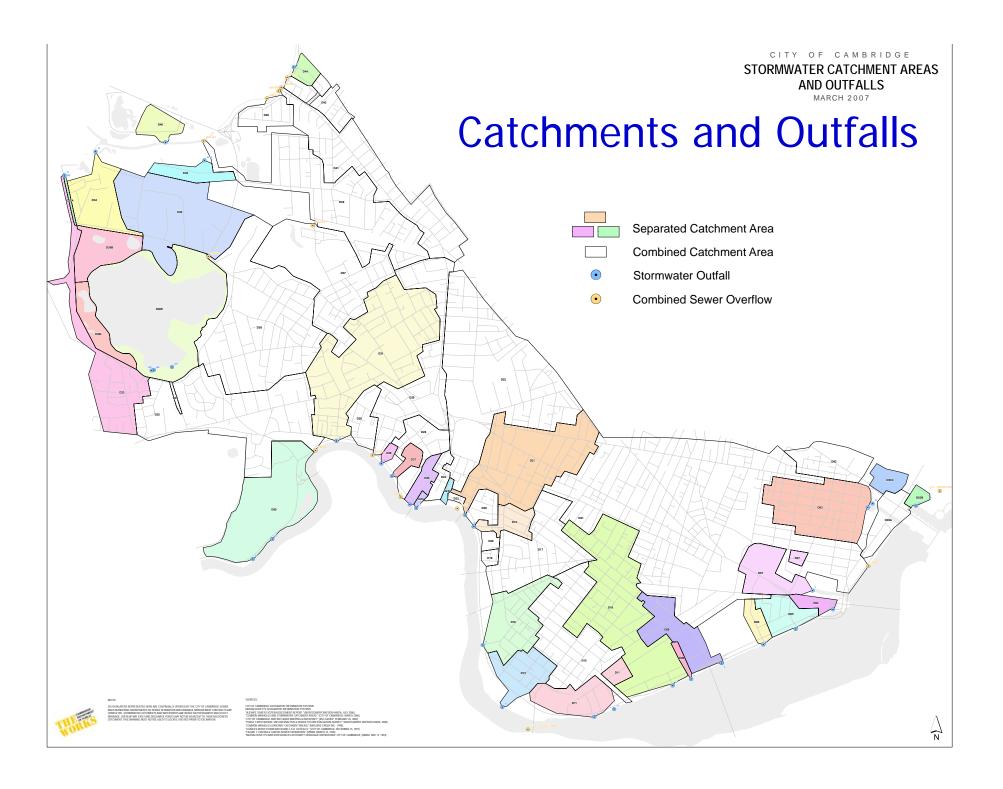
Reviewing existing regulations and drafting revisions



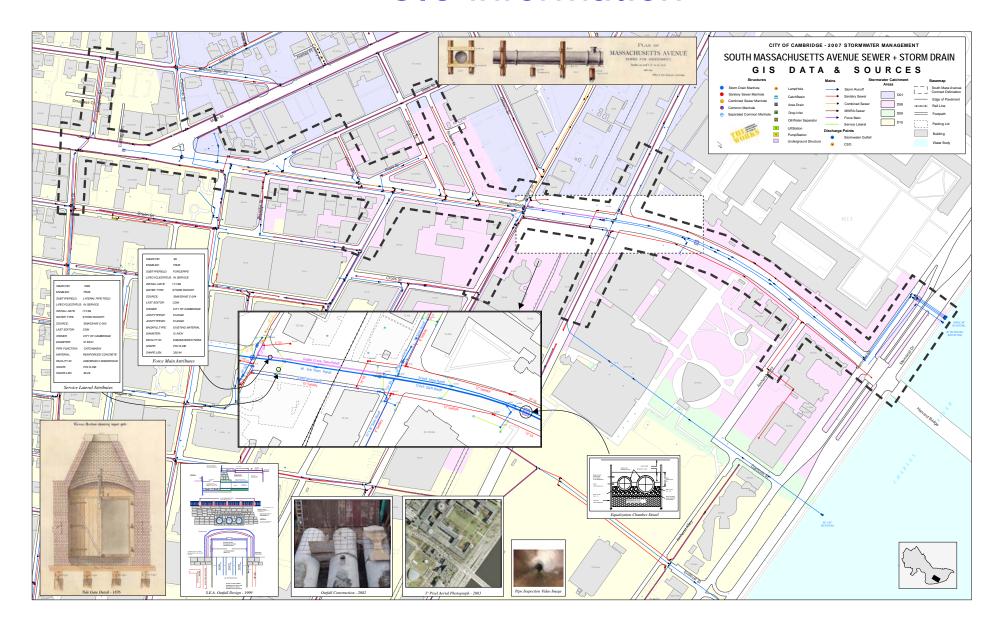




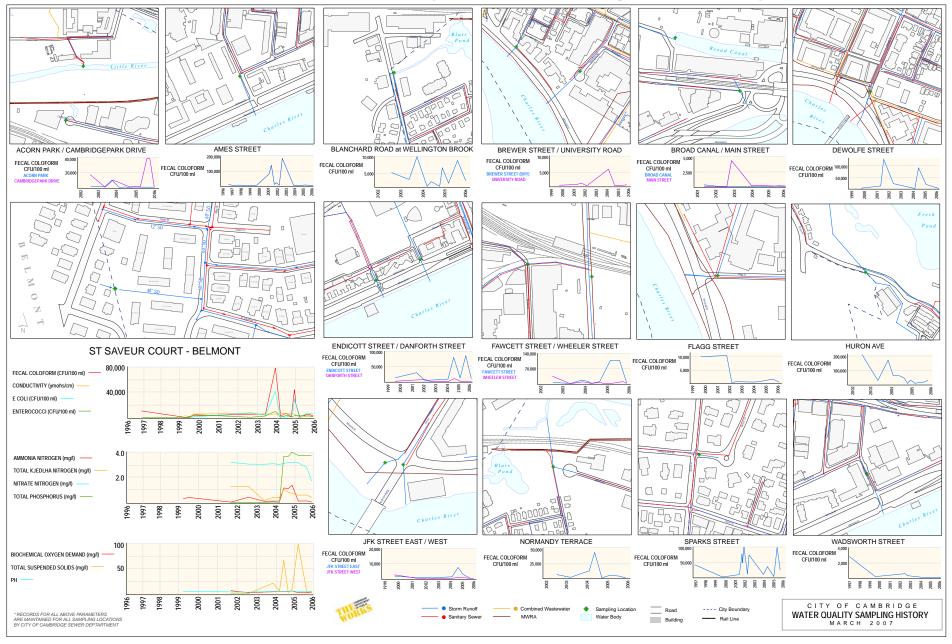


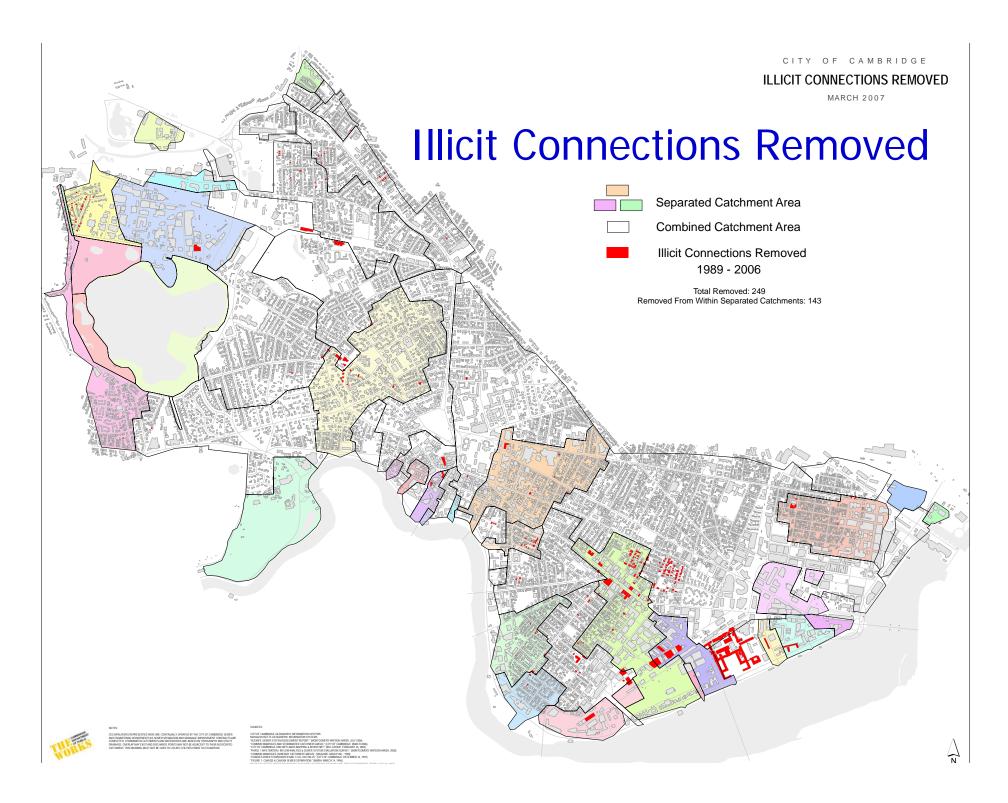


GIS information



Water quality sampling History





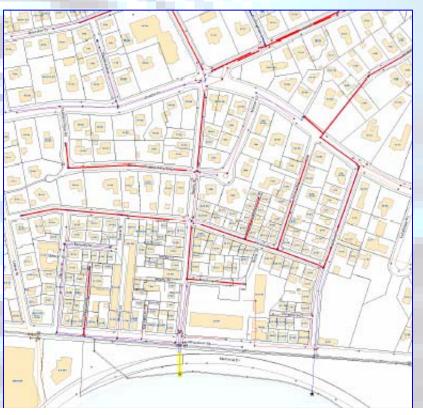


- EPA's Lower Charles IDDE Protocol
 - Purchased equipment

Investigate Sparks Street and Lechmere

Canal catchments

Wet weather sampling



#4. Construction Site Runoff Control

Develop a program to reduce pollutants from construction sites that disturb ≥ 1 acre



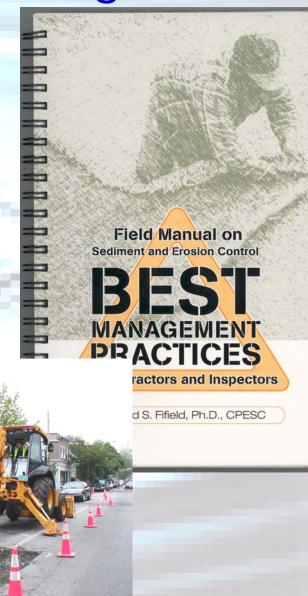


#4. What have we been doing?

Develop Regulations

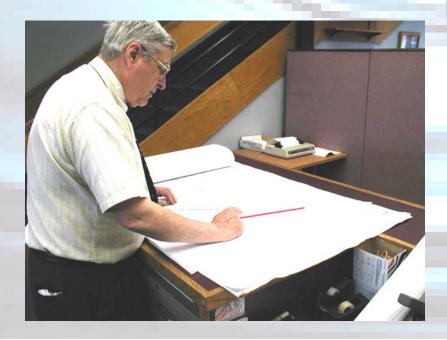
- Reviewed existing regulations
- > Conducted Peer Review
- Developed Draft Regulations
- Undergoing internal review
- Educate Residents and Contractors
 - > Developed information on landscape practices
 - Weekly construction meetings





#4. What is new?

- Stormwater Management Permit
 - Stormwater Management Plan (Quality & Quantity)
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
 - O&M Plan for temporary BMPs
- Develop guidance materials for contractors







#5. Post Construction Stormwater Management

Develop a program that addresses runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb ≥1 acre through structural and non-structural BMPs #5. What have we been doing?

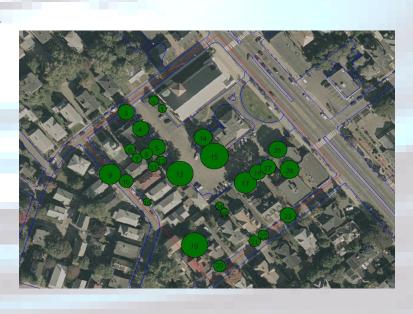
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Protect existing Tree Canopy

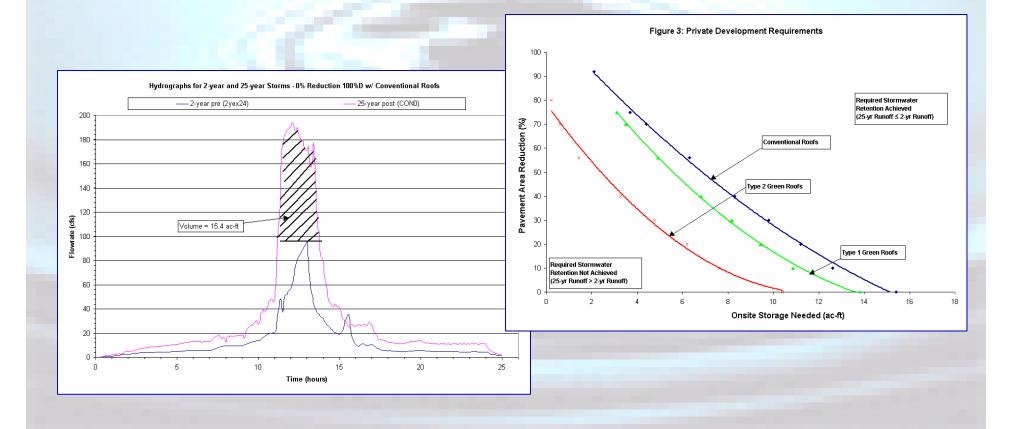
- > Tree Protection Ordinance
- Canopy Assessment
- Outreach on tree protection efforts





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Develop an Operations & Maintenance program to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff from municipal operations



#6. What have we been doing?







- Inspected over 60 municipal facilities
- Developed manuals for Inspections (BMPs)
- Trained Department Heads, Facility Managers and Inspectors
- Developed web tools for yearly inspections

