

Town of New Castle Stormwater Management Program Public Education and Outreach Questionnaire

The Town of New Castle is seeking information from residents and businesses with respect to their understanding of stormwater related issues in the community. In order to understand what the Town must do to better inform residents and businesses, we ask that you complete the following short questionnaire and return it to us either electronically or in hard copy. Hard copies may be hand delivered to the receptionist desk on the 2nd floor of Town Hall or mailed to Janice Friend, Town of New Castle, 200 South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua, New York 10514.

Thank you for your support of New Castle's continuing Stormwater Management efforts.

Robert J. Greenstein
Supervisor

If you would like to submit this electronically, please go the Stormwater Questionnaire on the Town's Website at: <http://www.mynewcastle.org>

To record your answer, fill-in the box next to your answer with an "X".

1. Do you recall receiving any educational materials, reading or hearing about stormwater/water quality in the last 12 months?

Yes No (IF NO Skip to Question 2)

1.1 If ("YES"), what was the source of this material or information you received?
(Please check all that apply)

Town of New Castle New York City Department of Environmental Protection
 County of Westchester New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 Private / Professional Organization General Print Publication
 Other

1.2 What was the medium used to convey the information you received?

daily newspaper cable TV advertising
 watershed roadside signage direct mailing / newsletter
 website/on-line information

2. Are you aware that the Town has an individual assigned to address stormwater related issues?

Yes No

3. Have you participated in a clean-up event in the Town in the last 12 months?

Yes No

4. Would you be willing to participate in a Town organized clean-up day along highways, streams and the Town generally?

Yes No

5. What do you see as the underlying cause(s) of pollution of our local streams, rivers and lakes?

Lack of Education Costs associated with pollution prevention
 Apathy Lack of enforcement
 Other

6. Would you consider adapting some of your daily activities to improve water quality if you learned of alternatives?

Yes No

7. Would you like to learn about the Town's Stormwater Management Plan?

Yes

No

8. If so, what type of outreach would be most beneficial? (check all that apply)

Informational mailings (brochures and fact sheets)

Information posted on Town website

Other

Public information meetings

Local Cable Channel

9. Which of the following educational topics would you find most useful?

(Check all that apply)

Pet Waste

Low Impact Development (green roofs, porous pavement, rain gardens)

Storm Drains

Maintaining Vehicles

Yard Care (weed and feed, fertilizers, lawns, soils, watering)

Wetland/Stream Maintenance

Car Washing

Native Plants

Chemical and Hazardous Waste Storage

Other

10. Do you perform yard maintenance and lawn care yourself or contract out for the service?

Perform myself

Contract out

11. What is the disposition of your lawn clippings after you/your lawn care provider mows the lawn?

Mulch them in place

Removed from yard by lawn care company

No responsibility, performed by landlord

Collect and bag them for Town collection

Composted on property

12. What is the disposition of your fall leaves?

Mulch them in place

Removed from yard by lawn care company

No responsibility, performed by landlord

Collect and bag them for Town collection

Composted on property

14. Does our stormwater go through a cleaning process before reaching our streams, rivers and lakes?

Yes

No

Do not know

15. Have you heard of or attended a review of the draft annual Stormwater Management Report to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation typically held in April or May each year at Town Hall?

Yes

No

Not aware of a draft annual Stormwater Report

16. If you have a septic tank for disposal of residential wastes, are you aware of the new regulations regarding inspecting and cleaning?

Yes

No

Do not have a septic tank, are connected to municipal waste collection system (Town or County Sewer)

For further information on Stormwater Management, checkout the following websites:

<http://www.mynewcastle.org>, <http://www.epa.gov/oaintrnt/stormwater/>, <http://www.cwp.org>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8468.html>

<http://planning.westchestergov.com/environment/stormwater.management>

For information on the Town's Stormwater Management Program, call 914-238-4723