



# Sheboygan County

## Stormwater Coalition

### Stormwater & Erosion Control FAQs

*Q1. Who Are We?*

A1. The Sheboygan County Stormwater Coalition is a group of seven communities working together to act as a resource for stormwater outreach and education. They are shown in the map below. The communities include [Sheboygan County](#), the [City of Sheboygan Falls](#), the [City of Sheboygan](#), the [Town of Wilson](#), the [Town of Sheboygan](#), the [Village of Howards Grove](#), and the [Village of Kohler](#).

*Q2. If I have a question about stormwater/erosion control permitting, who should I call?*

A2. If you are in an unincorporated area of the County, except the Town of Sheboygan, call the Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department. 920-459-3060. Otherwise, call the community in which you live or where your project is located.

*Q3. My land is being flooded by water draining from another property. Can the DNR, County, or Municipality do something about it?*

A3. Typically, no. Authority is typically limited to regulating the pollutants carried in storm water runoff and it does not include regulation over local drainage or flooding issues. However, water drainage is sometimes regulated by a local municipal ordinance and is also governed by common law. See A2 on who to call.

*Q4. Don't our storm sewers go to the wastewater treatment plant?*

A4. No, not in Sheboygan County, and, not in most places. Most storm sewer systems in Wisconsin discharge runoff to the nearest stream, lake, or wetland and can pollute these waterbodies with sediment and chemicals if not filtered prior to entering the water body.

*Q5. There is an unknown liquid running down the street and into the storm sewer. Should I call someone about this?*

A5. Absolutely. If you witness or feel there has been an illicit discharge of pollutants, please call your local law enforcement authority. You can also anonymously report spills at Wisconsin DNR Hazardous Spills Hotline 1-800-943-0003.

*Q6. Is erosion control important?*

A6. Yes, extremely. If your project does not have the proper erosion control in place, you can face fines, you can pollute nearby waterbodies, and you can even jeopardize your project's stability in the event of a large rainfall event. See A2 on who to call about the proper erosion/site control for your project. This website is a good resource for Sheboygan County residents as well.

[http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/construction/erosion\\_control.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/construction/erosion_control.html)