

The MS4 General Permit requires regulated entities to reduce pollutants in stormwater by implementing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) and best management practices (BMPs). The City of St. Louis Park has developed required Standard Operating Procedures, Emergency Response Procedures and supporting documentation. The summary below provides the city's 2025 annual assessment of MCM activities.

MCM-1: Public Education and Outreach

Permit Requirement: Develop and implement a public education program that explains stormwater impacts and actions the public can take to reduce pollution.

2025 Activities:

Rainwater Rewards Program

- Installed 49 rain gardens; secured \$24,800 in Clean Water, Land and Legacy grant funding.
- Reimbursed 57 rain barrels.
- Hosted three workshops (42 attendees).

Educational materials and outreach

- Distributed materials on rainwater management and yard waste impacts.
- Posted: 2 pet waste, 4 smart salting and 1 illicit discharge messages.
- Shared materials at Westwood Hills Nature Center (38,823+ annual visitors).
- Published 32 stormwater articles (print and online).
- Posted 23 social media updates (248,225+ views; 5,159+ clicks).
- Recorded 3,634 website visits to stormwater program pages.

MCM-2: Public involvement and participation

Permit requirement: Develop and implement a public participation and involvement program to solicit public input on the Program.

The following are activities completed (see Table 1) in compliance with the Permit sections 17.3-17.7 and the city's program:

Table 1 Public Events and Meetings Held (2025)

Activities	Date	Quantity/ Units
Adopt-a-Drain	Open throughout the year	336 Participants
		585 Drains adopted

Activities	Date	Quantity/ Units
Steering Committee for the Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition	Monthly	200+ Member Cities
Metro Watershed Partners	Quarterly meetings	50+ Partners
Metro Blooms workshops	3	42 Attendees
City Council S.S. Report Stormwater 101 report	April 28	10 Attendees
Ecotacular	June 14, 2025	100+ Attendees

The Program materials are posted on the city's website [here](#); comments are welcome at any time.

MCM-3: Illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE)

Permit requirement: Develop, implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges into the city's storm sewer system.

The following activities were completed in compliance with Permit Sections 18.8–18.17 and the city's program:

Illicit discharge response

- Investigated 11 illicit discharges; issued verbal and written warnings.
- ERPs and response records available upon request.

Inspection and mapping

- Identified and inspected high-priority areas (maps available upon request).
- Developed a Cartograph-based inspection and tracking database.
- Inspection reports and maps available upon request.

Training

- Implemented NeoGov training for field staff, including public works, parks and recreation, engineering, fire, police, and building and energy departments.

Public outreach

- Shared illicit discharge detection and prevention information on social media targeting residents, businesses, institutions and commercial facilities.

MCM-4: Construction site stormwater runoff control

Permit requirement: Develop, implement and enforce a construction site stormwater runoff control program that reduces pollutants in stormwater runoff related to construction activity.

The following activities were completed in compliance with Permit Sections 19.3–19.15 and the city’s program:

Permitting and review

- Reviewed 37 construction plans and issued 37 erosion control permits.
- Collected damage deposits to support compliance.

Inspections and enforcement

- Conducted 362 site inspections.
- Issued two written notices of violation (projects >1 acre); contractors responded and corrected issues.

Training

- Provided required training to engineering staff through NeoGov

MCM-5: Post-construction runoff control

Permit requirement: Develop, implement and enforce a post-construction stormwater management program that prevents or reduces water pollution after construction activity is completed.

The following activities were completed in compliance with Permit Sections 20.3–20.17 and the city’s program:

Plan review

- Reviewed stormwater management plans for 6 projects.

Inventory and mapping

- Maintained a GIS inventory of structural BMPs not owned or operated by the city (maps available upon request).

Training

- Engineering and community development staff completed required NeoGov training.

MCM-6: Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations

Permit requirement: Develop and implement an operations and maintenance program that prevents or reduces the discharge of pollutants from permittee-owned and operated facilities.

The following are activities completed in compliance (Table 2) with the Permit sections 21.3-21.14 and the city's program:

Table 2 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Practices completed (2025)

Maintenance or operational activity	Location/Element	Quantity
Inspected	Storm sewer outfalls	120
	Stormwater ponds	60
	Stormwater management best practices (underground vaults, tree trenches, pervious pavers, rain gardens)	52
Maintained	Storm sewer outfalls, sump manholes, grit pit and underground vault	Two outfalls replaced, removed sediment, cleaned ten sump manholes, two grit pits
Removed sediment	Lamplighter Pond & Beltline Pond	3,211 cubic yards
Swept	Streets and alleys	1,454 miles and 7,545 cubic yards of material removed and about 4,200 cubic yards of leafy material removed
Chloride application	Primary roads	883 tons + 24.5 tons = 907.5 24,500 gallons of brine 24.5 tons of salt
Community-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP)	Water quality monitoring	6 Lakes: Bass Lake, Cobble Crest, South Oak Pond, Twin Lake, Westwood Lake
South Oak Pond Rehabilitation Project	Installation of a Contech stormwater filter system (80 filters)	Received \$350,000 in Clean Water Funds