

**Department Note:** As MS4 Permittees demonstrate compliance differently and MS4 Permittees may have different MS4 permit conditions, the following written program procedure is intended to provide ideas on various formats. Therefore, please note the provided example may not be appropriate, as is, for your community. Additionally, the following is a written program procedure that has been submitted to the Department by a MS4 Permittee. However, the MS4 Permittee name have been removed to keep them anonymous.

# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

WPDES PERMIT NO. WI-S050075-3

## SECTION 2.2



## General Information

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## **Introduction**

This Public Involvement and Participation Written Program has been developed to inform the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), the City of Freshwater municipal staff and the general public on how the minimum control measures of the MS4 program, specific to Public Involvement and Participation, are being addressed. This program specifies how the City will notify the public of activities required by this permit and to encourage input and participation from the public regarding these activities. Any components of the program that require modifications based on the current permit requirements are identified with a plan for compliance by the end of the permit term, April 30, 2024. This program manual is one of several that make up the MS4 program for the City of Freshwater.

## **City's Program Implementation**

### **2.2.1 Permit Activities**

The City will provide a minimum of one (1) opportunity annually for the public to provide input on each of the following permit activities: annual report, storm water management program, and if applicable, the adoption or amendment of storm water related ordinances.

The City utilizes a tracking spreadsheet to meet this permit requirement (APPENDIX A – Tracking Sheet Summary). The tracking spreadsheet records each delivery mechanism along with the corresponding permit activities/volunteer activity and target audiences.

### **2.2.2 Delivery Mechanism**

The City will identify the delivery mechanism for each of the activities in section 2.2.1. Delivery mechanisms may include public workshop, presentation of storm water information, government event (public hearing, council meeting, etc.), citizen committee meeting, or website.

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### **Website**

The City of Freshwater maintains a website ([Link](#)) where residents and guests are able to access a wide variety of information. One function of the website is to share the MS4 annual report, storm water management program and any adoptions/amendments of storm water related ordinance with the community. The citizens can give feedback in writing through the website or in-person at any Council Meeting(s) which address the topics.

### **2.2.3 Volunteer Activities**

The City will implement, at a minimum, one (1) of the following volunteer activities per year: group best management practice (BMP) installation or maintenance, storm drain stenciling, planting community rain garden, clean up event, stream monitoring, citizen committee meeting, public workshop, presentation of storm water information, or other hands-on event.

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### **Volunteer Activity**

The City does not provide a specific volunteer activity yearly to residents. The number of activities, type of activity and time of year the activity is conducted vary from year to year.

#### 2.2.4 Target Audience

The City will identify the targeted audience for each permit activity and volunteer activity. Target audiences may include the general public, public employees, residents, businesses, contractors, developers, industries, and/or other appropriate audiences.

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# APPENDIX A – Tracking Sheet Summary





| 2.2 - Topics Summary                  |   |            |            |            |            |            |           |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Topics                                |   | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024      |
| 1                                     | MS4 Annual Report                                   | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          | -         |
| 2                                     | Storm Water Management Program                      | X          | X          | X          | X          | X          | -         |
| 3                                     | Storm water related ordinance adoption or amendment | -          | -          | X          | X          | X          | -         |
| 4                                     | Other   | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -         |
| <b>Public Input Requirements Met?</b> |   | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |

| 2.2 - Delivery Mechanisms Summary |   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Public Input                      |   | 2019     | 2020     | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     | 2024     |
| 1                                 | Citizen Committee Meeting               | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2                                 | Government Event                        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 3                                 | Presentation of Storm Water Information | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 4                                 | Public Workshop                         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 5                                 | Website                                 | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| 6                                 | Other                                   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Total Public Input                |   | 2        | 2        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| Volunteer Activity                |   | 2019     | 2020     | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     | 2024     |
| 1                                 | Citizen Committee Meeting               | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2                                 | Clean Up Event                          | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| 3                                 | Group BMP Installation/Maintenance      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 4                                 | Plant Community Rain Garden             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 5                                 | Presentation of Storm Water Information | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 6                                 | Public Workshop                         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7                                 | Storm Drain Stenciling                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 8                                 | Stream Monitoring                       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 9                                 | Other                                   | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Total Volunteer Activity          |   | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        |
| <b>Total Delivery Mechanisms</b>  |   | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> |