

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of New Castle | <input type="checkbox"/> New York City Department of Environmental Protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County of Westchester | <input type="checkbox"/> New York State Department of Environmental Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private / Professional Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> General Print Publication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> daily newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> cable TV advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> watershed roadside signage | <input type="checkbox"/> direct mailing / newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Costs associated with pollution prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apathy | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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
 Do not know

No

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
 Not aware of a draft annual Stormwater Report

No

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

- Yes
 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