Learn more about Stormwater Management

Livonia Public Schools is committed to the environment and strives to be a good steward of the land within its jurisdiction by using appropriate Best Management Practices to contribute to the improvement of water quality within the Rouge River Watershed where the district is located.

Livonia Public Schools encourages all students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors to get involved through opportunities provided by the local watershed groups including Friends of the Rouge.

Why worry about stormwater?

Many people may not realize that stormwater collected in drains located on the street curbs does not flow to their local water treatment plant. Rather, this water remains untreated and is discharged directly into the waterways. During this journey to the waterways, stormwater collects and carries a broad range of pollutants. Stormwater is a nonpoint source of pollution thus making it extremely difficult to address and the single greatest threat to our water quality and watershed health. Nonpoint source pollution comes from many diffuse runoff sources such as rainfall and snowmelt, flowing over and through the ground, picking up pollutants as it goes. Some of these pollutants occur naturally, such as nutrients from sediments, manure, or pet waste. Other pollutants such as fertilizers, automotive grease, and oil occur from our interaction with the environment. Stormwater acts as a carrier of nonpoint source pollution and is therefore considered a major cause of water quality problems both in Michigan and nationwide.

Public Notice of Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)

To this end, the school district has developed and implemented a "Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)" to reduce the discharge of pollutants from their MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable and protect water quality in accordance with the appropriate water quality requirements of Michigan Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, Part 31, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the district National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES).

A copy of the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) is available for review on the district's website at https://www.livoniapublicschools.org/community/storm-water-management. Any questions or comments regarding the Stormwater Management Plan should be directed to the Stormwater Program Manager at 734-744-2500.