

## The City of Fultondale Stormwater Management Program

**Federal MS4 Regulations** - The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency maintains regulations under the Federal Clean Water Act that address pollution associated with stormwater runoff in urban areas. These regulations require the operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems, or MS4's, to obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits. Permitted operators of MS4s are required to implement a storm water management program as a means of controlling, to the maximum extent practicable, polluted discharges from certain municipal, industrial and construction activities.

**Fultondale Phase II Storm Water Permit** – The City of Fultondale is within the Birmingham urbanized area and is considered an MS4. As an MS4, the City is required to secure an NPDES permit and to operate a stormwater management program in a manner that is protective of waters that flow from and through the city.

The permit requires the city develop and implement a storm water management program comprised of five elements that, when implemented together, will help keep nearby streams clean and healthy. The five elements are:

1. Public education/public involvement,
2. Illicit discharge detection and elimination,
3. Construction site storm water runoff control,
4. Post-construction storm water management, and
5. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations.

**Storm Water Management Program Plan** – The city has developed a Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP) that describes and guides our program efforts. Our plan and other documents related to program are on our website for your information. We are always interested in your thoughts and in finding ways to improve our program and our plan. If you would like to provide comments or have questions regarding our stormwater management program, please submit them to us in writing or give us a call.

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