

# WHAT IS STORMWATER?



# MEMBER COMMUNITIES

- Concord Twp
- Eastlake
- Fairport Harbor
- Grand River
- Kirtland
- Kirtland Hills
- Lakeline
- Madison Twp
- Madison Village
- Mentor on the Lake
- Painesville City
- Painesville Twp
- Perry Village
- Timberlake
- Willoughby
- Willoughby Hills
- Willowick



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# LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT





## WHY A STORMWATER DEPARTMENT?

Pollution from stormwater is one of the main threats to our lakes and rivers, therefore the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented stormwater regulations. The regulations help eliminate and reduce pollutants in stormwater entering the storm sewers and ditches in your neighborhood. The Lake County Stormwater Management Department (LCSMD) assists its member communities with compliance, along with infrastructure improvements, projects, and restoration.

## WHY A STORMWATER ASSESSMENT FEE?

A federal mandate requires that certain communities implement a stormwater management program to reduce the amount of pollutants entering natural water bodies. Lake County formed a regional utility to assist communities to comply with the regulations. The fee collected is used to manage the stormwater program, ensure regulatory compliance, and complete infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding and improve water quality.

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

LCSMD contracts with these organizations to provide stormwater services:

- Lake County General Health District
- Soil and Water Conservation District
- Chagrin River Watershed Partners



## WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

- Public education, participation and involvement through community events, newsletters and other publications, school programs, and workshops.
- Identifying and eliminating illicit discharges to stormwater. An illicit discharge is anything other than stormwater in the storm sewer system.
- Construction site best management practices to minimize runoff and soil erosion.
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping at municipal operations.
- Infrastructure improvement projects and repairs.