

CHAPTER 7

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

In order to implement the Chatham Run Watershed Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan, the county planners and municipal officials must review the plan. The County Board of Commissioners must then formally adopt the Plan. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) will approve the plan after reviewing the County adoption resolution and plan review comments, as well as the plan itself. Implementation of the Plan will be the responsibility of the municipalities within the Chatham Run Watershed subsequent to County adoption and approval by PA DEP. Act 167 requires municipal implementation of the Plan subsequent to County adoption and PA DEP approval.

Watershed-specific stormwater management performance standards and criteria developed by this Plan are intended to apply only to the portion of each municipality lying within the Chatham Run Watershed. However, the model ordinance that appears in this Plan, upon implementation by each municipality within the Chatham Run Watershed, may either apply to the portion of the municipality within the Chatham Run Watershed or apply to the entire municipality.

The following sequence of events must take place to implement this Plan:

1. Submission of the Plan to PA DEP, as adopted by Clinton County, and Plan approval by PA DEP.
2. Municipal adoption of the model ordinance.

Municipal adoption is a critical step. Municipalities will adopt the model ordinance for ease of implementation, compliance with the Plan, and consistency among the Watershed's municipalities. Municipalities would then tie the model ordinance into existing ordinances by referring to the model ordinance in any existing ordinances that currently regulate stormwater runoff. Municipalities must then send a copy of the municipal resolution to adopt the stormwater ordinance to PA DEP.

3. Municipal Review of Drainage Plans.

The municipality, through its qualified agent such as the municipal engineer, will receive stormwater drainage plans for all activities regulated by the adopted stormwater ordinance. The municipality will then review the plans for compliance

with the adopted stormwater ordinance, and shall approve or disapprove stormwater drainage plans.

4. Remediation of Existing Storm Drainage Problems.

During the planning process, the Clinton County Conservation District obtained and generated data on existing storm drainage problems. Municipalities should use these data to develop a systematic, prioritized strategy to remedy existing problems. However, neither the Plan nor the Stormwater Management Act 167 mandates the remediation of these problems. Watershed planning is intended to ensure that existing problems do not intensify and that new problems do not occur. Therefore, as municipalities meet these objectives through proper implementation of this Plan's provisions, they may consider the remediation of existing problems as the next logical step in a stormwater management program.

To assist municipalities in obtaining funds to address these problems, the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) is authorized to provide low interest loans to municipalities for stormwater projects. Municipalities within the Chatham Run Watershed should prioritize existing problems by severity, impact, and cost and consider the PENNVEST program for their financing.