
MONROE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

2021 Update

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STORMWATER PROGRAM

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Regulations for Active Construction Sites
Pollution Prevention

Drainage Regulations



Drainage Plan Reviews
Design of New Infrastructure
Ordinances and Technical Standards

Operations & Maintenance



Routine Maintenance and Upgrades
Asset Management
Capital Improvement Projects

MONROE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 761

- **1997:** Monroe County Drainage Code
 - Storm Drainage, Erosion Control, and Sediment Control Ordinance
- **1999:** Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, effective in 2003
- **2005:** Chapter 761 Updated to Comply with 327 IAC 15-5 and 327 IAC 15-13
- **2011:** Chapter 761 Updated to Include Water Quality Regulations
- **2020:** Chapter 761 Amended for More Restrictive Critical Area Release Rates
- **2021:** Chapter 761 Rewritten



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Stormwater Program Mission

The mission of the Monroe County Stormwater Program is to promote public health and safety and to improve water quality by implementing stormwater pollution prevention solutions.

We are dedicated to addressing the drainage concerns of Monroe County residents and reducing flooding hazards, all while improving water quality through comprehensive planning, public education, and management of our storm sewer system.

What is stormwater?

Water resulting from rainstorms or melting snow.

Why is it a concern?

Impervious surfaces (paved streets, parking lots, building rooftops) do not let water infiltrate into the ground. Therefore, when it rains or snow melts, water that flows over these surfaces collects debris, chemicals, sediment, and/or other pollutants that are then discharged into our local waterways untreated.

Unmanaged stormwater can threaten public health and aquatic life, negatively affect recreational activities, increase costs of water treatment, contribute to longer and more severe flooding events, and cause erosion of valuable land.

Stormwater Program Resources

- [DRAFT Chapter 761 Monroe County Stormwater Management Ordinance \(2021\)](#) 
- [Long Range Stormwater Plan](#)  (Feb 2016)
- [MS4 Annual Report \(2016-2017\)](#)
- [MS4 Annual Report \(2018-2020\)](#)

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Why is there a stormwater program?

The [Clean Water Act](#) and [Rule 13 of the Indiana Administrative Code](#) require communities of a certain size to have a stormwater program that implements six minimum control measures:

1. Public education and outreach
2. Public participation and involvement
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination
4. Construction site stormwater runoff control
5. Post-construction stormwater runoff control
6. Municipal operations pollution prevention and housekeeping

Have you seen any dumping or other illegal discharge into or near a storm drain, stream, ditch, or lake in Monroe County? If so, please report the issue by completing the form below:

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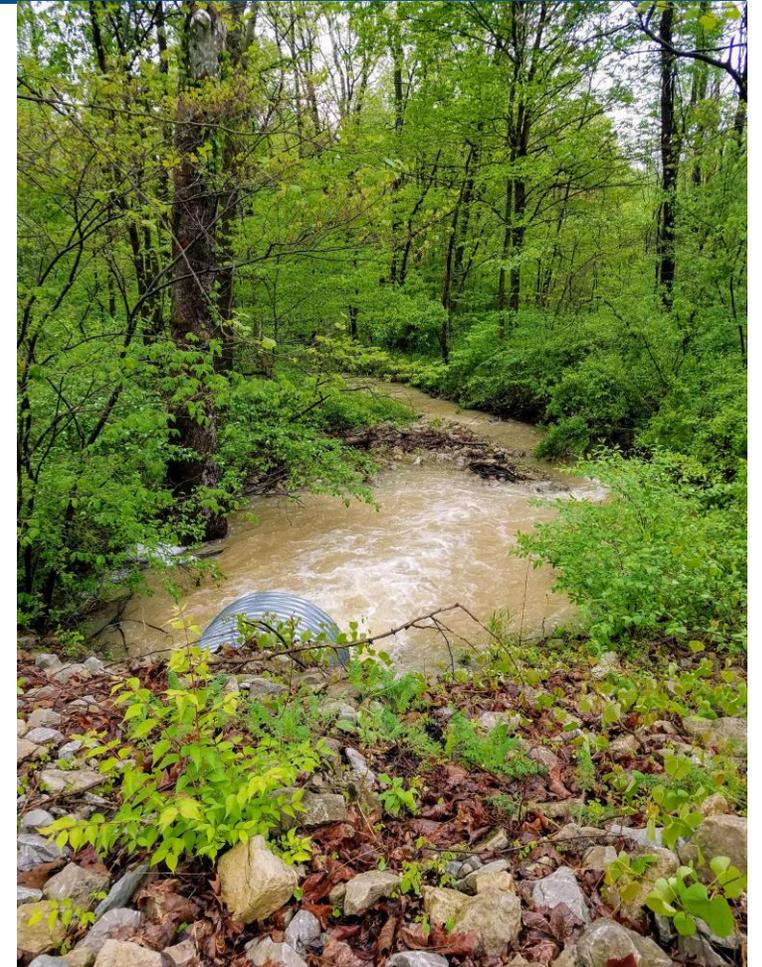
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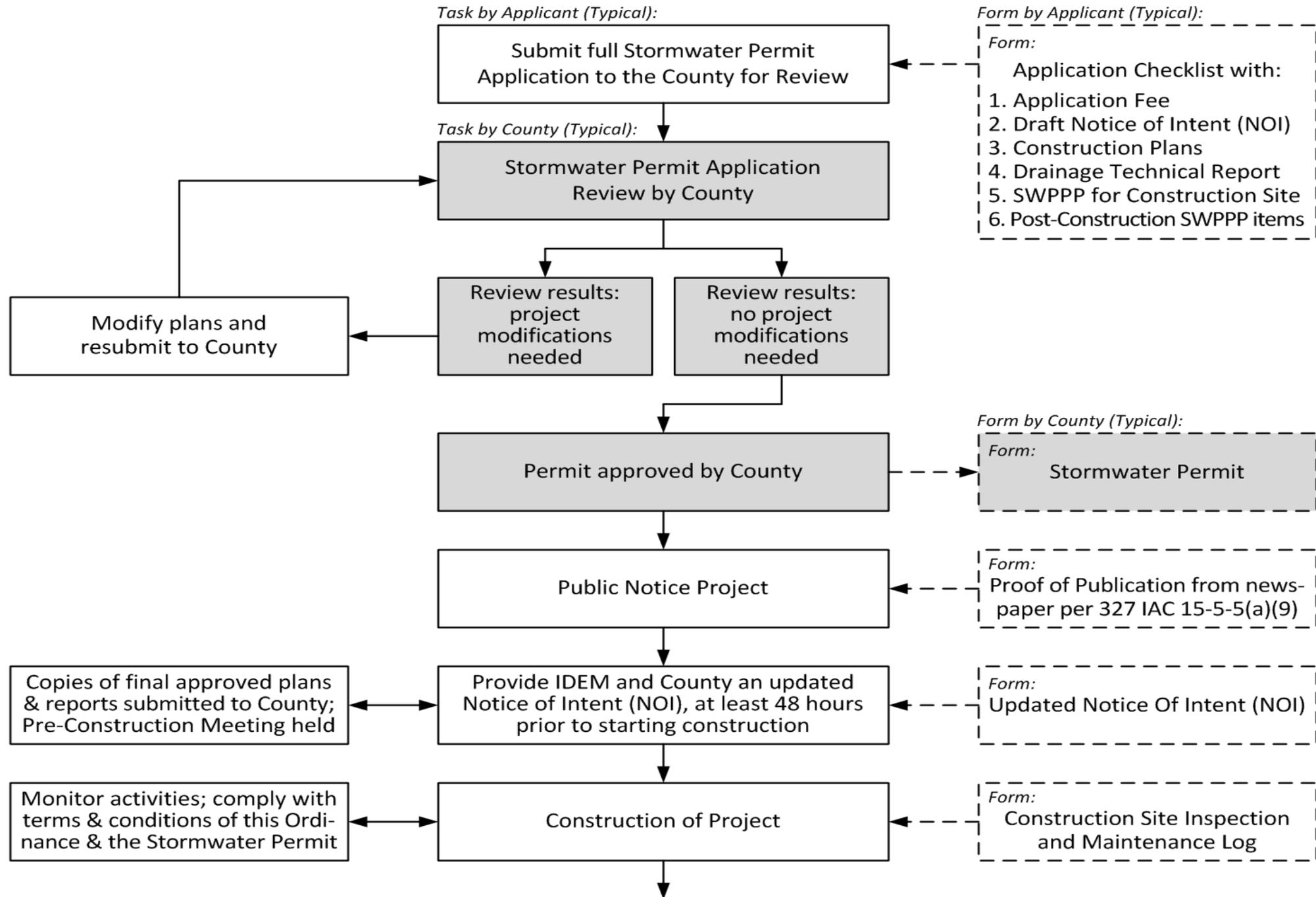


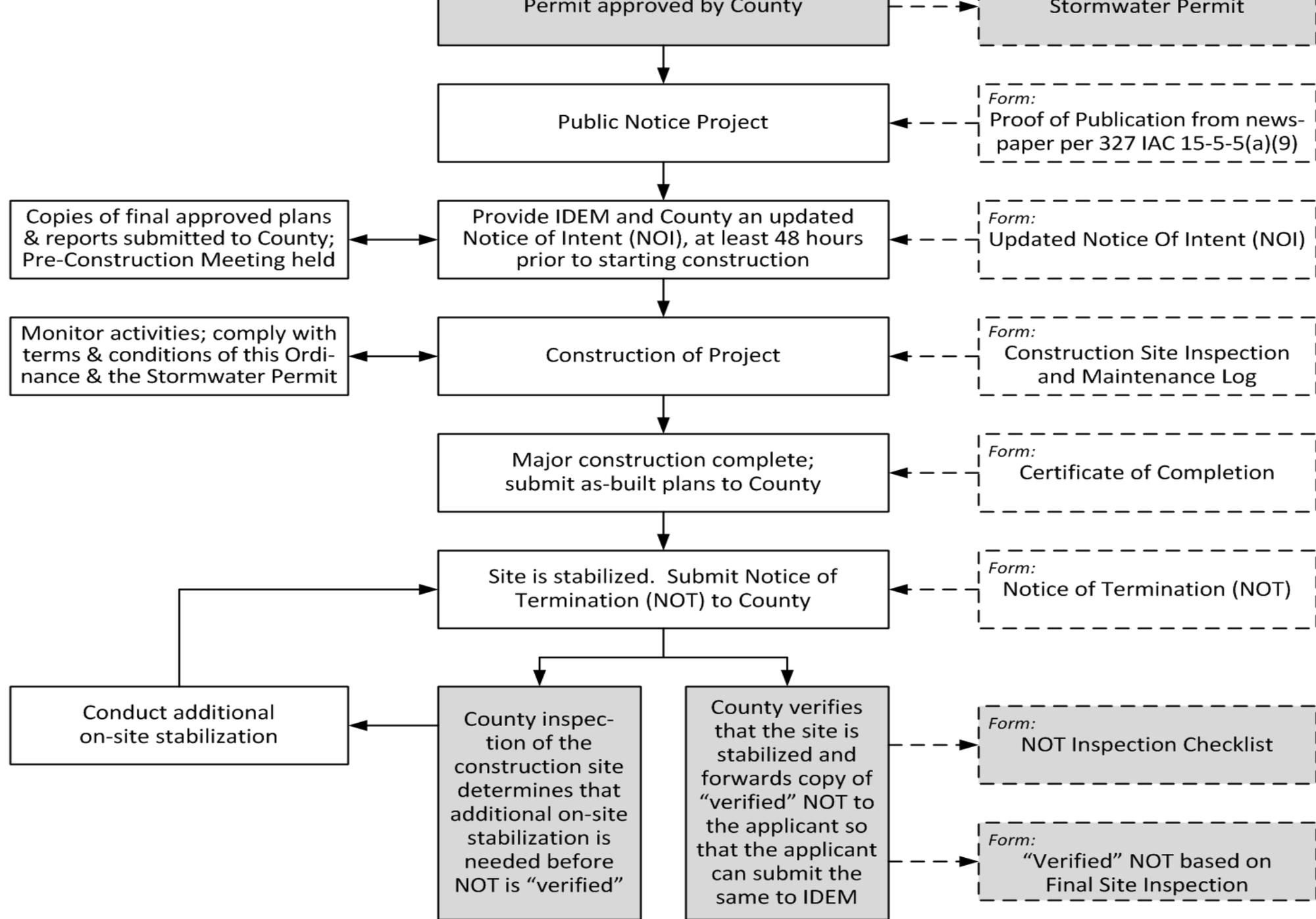
- Development of Overall Drainage Plan
- Determination of Stormwater Runoff Rates
- Storm Sewer Design Standards
- Open Channel Design Standards
- Stormwater Detention Design Standards
- Construction and Post-Construction Pollution Control
- As-Built Plans

IMPLEMENTING THE NEW ORDINANCE

- Creation of a **Stormwater Permit** with Fee Schedule
- County-wide standard **release rates** for all new development/redevelopment projects
- Drainage easements and floodplain protection
- **Karst** regulations will become more stringent
- Single-family residential **lot development** guidelines
- New enforcement language and ability to administratively issue fines









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