

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

According to the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act (Act 167 of 1978), “Inadequate management of accelerated runoff of storm water resulting from development throughout a watershed increases flood flows and velocities, contributes to erosion and sedimentation, overtaxes the carrying capacity of streams and storm sewers, greatly increases the cost of public facilities to carry and control storm water, undermines flood plain management and flood control efforts in downstream communities, reduced groundwater recharge, and threatens public health and safety”. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Watershed Management administers a grant program under stormwater Management Act (Act 167) for counties to prepare watershed plans to manage stormwater runoff from new land development activities. Plans are implemented by municipalities through the enactment or amendment of local ordinances.

Currently, there are no Act 167 Plans for Dover Township or Dover Borough, however there has been a Phase I – Scope of Study completed for the Little Conewago Creek watershed. Figure 12 from York County Planning Commission provides the status of Stormwater Management Plans in York County as of February 2004.

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