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RE: MS4 Benefits for Municipal Members - RENEWAL INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Greetings Municipalities of the Perkiomen Watershed,

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is your community resource for protecting our local waterways, especially from the ubiquitous problem of stormwater pollution. In addition to our award-winning environmental conservation and restoration projects, environmental education classes, and our numerous community events, the Conservancy assists its member municipalities in meeting the requirements of the Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) permit.

Many of you have chosen to take advantage of this annual program, but others are missing out on a great opportunity to gain stormwater literature, workshops, staff training, stormwater reduction statistics and grant funding designed specifically to help you meet your MS4 permit requirements. Our member municipalities also receive a comprehensive list of the benefits they received from the Conservancy's MS4 program to utilize in their year-end reports. To take advantage of these great benefits, all you have to do is partner with the Conservancy!

We invite your municipality to join the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy as a member for the 2024 MS4 permit year (Year 22). **Remember, even if you are a current member, you will need to renew your membership for the 2024 permit year.** Our municipal membership levels and corresponding benefits are listed in the table on the enclosed Membership Form. Note that at the Patron and Benefactor levels, you will receive all of the benefits of the lower level(s) as well.

To join the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and receive benefits for the 2024 MS4 permit year, please fill out the attached membership form and return with your payment. **To obtain the benefits of a Patron or Benefactor, please sign up no later than March 1, 2024** to allow adequate time to schedule workshops before your permit year ends. Sign up today to start receiving benefits!

Sincerely,

Jessie Kemper
Director of Conservation

2024 Membership Offerings

Listed below are the program offerings for 2024 permit year based on membership levels. Please note that at the Patron and Benefactor levels, you will receive all the benefits of the lower level(s) as well:

Benefactor Level: \$1000 – Benefactors are eligible for the following membership benefits:

1. ***Municipal MS4 Grant Program.*** You will have the opportunity to submit a grant application to install a stormwater BMP within your municipality. The grant will be submitted to PWC who will review the applications and carry out the selected project. Municipalities that choose the benefactor level will be sent the grant application and more information about the program separately.
2. ***Rain Barrel Workshop.*** Your residents will be able to participate in a Rain Barrel Workshop where a PWC staff member will demonstrate how to build and install rain barrels on residential properties. PWC will provide all the necessary equipment and materials for attendees to follow along and build their own rain barrel. Residents must pay a registration fee in order to attend. Municipalities will be responsible for scheduling workshops.
3. ***Municipal Staff Workshop.*** You will have the opportunity to receive one PWC provided training session for municipal staff. The session will take place at a municipal facility of your choice and will cover topics like good housekeeping for municipal operations and illicit discharge detection and elimination. Municipalities will be responsible for scheduling workshops.
4. ***Stormwater Reduction Statistics Package.*** This informational package will show which PWC events your municipality and/or residents participated in and will provide you with statistics from those events to be used in your MS4 reports. Statistics could include the number of volunteers involved/volunteer hours, amount of trash removed from a site within your municipality, number of trees planted along riparian areas, amount of invasive species removed from waterways, etc.



PWC completed this stormwater basin naturalization in the fall of 2018 through the MS4 grant program.



Residents of Upper Gwynedd Township participated in a Rain Barrel Workshop this summer.

Patron Level: \$500 – Patrons are eligible for the following membership benefits:

1. ***Stormwater Reduction Statistics Package.*** This informational package will show which PWC events your municipality and/or residents participated in and will provide you with statistics from those events to be used in your MS4 reports.

Promoter Level: \$250 – Promoters are eligible for the following membership benefits:

1. ***Educational Articles.*** You will be given access to educational articles, pamphlets or handouts created specifically by PWC to educate residents about stormwater pollution issues. Materials will be provided electronically; municipalities will be responsible for distributing the materials.

Your Community Resource for Stormwater Projects

The Conservancy is always on the lookout for new and exciting projects! Not only do we partner with local municipalities through our MS4 grant program, we also offer project support and assistance for other grant programs and stormwater projects. We help cut project costs by working with your existing public works staff and community volunteers to install DEP approved stormwater BMPs. Below are some examples of projects that the Conservancy has partnered with municipalities to complete:

- **Rain gardens** – in 2022 – 2023, the Conservancy installed a 2 rain gardens at the following locations: Stony Creek Park in Lansdale and Lenape Park in Skippack.
- **Riparian Tree Plantings:** in 2023, the Conservancy planted a total of 455 trees along local waterways within 7 different municipalities.
- **Aqua-blocks Installations** – modular underground tank system that can be installed underneath rain gardens or bioswales to increase the garden's stormwater infiltration capacity. Last fall, the Conservancy installed aqua-blocks as part of the rain garden project in Stony Creek Park.
- **Stormwater Basin Naturalizations** – in the fall of 2021, the Conservancy installed native perennials and shrubs as part of a stormwater basin naturalization project located in Douglass Township.
- **Streambank Restorations** – in 2021 - 2022, the Conservancy partnered with Lower Salford Township to restore streambank habitat along the Skippack Creek. This included re-grading the streambank and planting 10,000 native perennials, 125 trees, and 2,000 live stakes. Through their partnership with the Conservancy, Lower Salford was able to save over \$300,000 in project costs. In 2023, the Conservancy received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for the Reiff Park project.



Installation of aqua-blocks followed by native plants in the Stony Creek rain garden project.



Before and after the installation of 10,000 native perennials within the Jacob Reiff streambank restoration project in Lower Salford Township



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Sample Stormwater Reduction Statistics Package

The chart below shows the statistics for your municipality:

Conservation Project	Site(s)	Number of Municipal Volunteers	Municipal Volunteer Hours	Amount
Tree Planting				Number of trees planted
Stream Clean-up				Bags of trash removed
Water Chestnut Removal				Bags of EWC removed
Rain Garden Installation				Number of plants installed
Rain Barrel Workshop				Number of rain barrels made
Downspout Planter Workshop				Number of planters made
TOTALS				

The chart below shows the statistics for the entire Perkiomen Watershed:

Conservation Project	Site(s)	Total Number of Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours	Total Amount
Tree Planting				Number of trees planted
Stream Clean-up				Bags of trash removed
Water Chestnut Removal				Bags of EWC removed
Rain Garden Installation				Number of plants installed
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2024 Membership Form

Please fill out and return with your membership payment.

Membership Levels	Price per Level (Circle desired 2023 Membership Level)	Membership Level Benefits
Benefactor	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MS4 Municipal Grant Program: fulfills MCM #2- Public Involvement/Participation and adds to your BMP Inventory• Rain Barrel Workshop: fulfills MCM #1- Public Education and Outreach, MCM #2- Public Involvement/Participation• Municipal Workshop: fulfills MCM #6- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations• Stormwater Statistics Package: fulfills MCM #2- Public Involvement/Participation, adds to your BMP inventory and helps with MS4 reports• Educational Articles: fulfills MCM #1- Public Education and Outreach
Patron	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stormwater Statistics Package: fulfills MCM #2- Public Involvement/Participation, adds to your BMP inventory and helps with MS4 reports• Educational Articles: fulfills MCM #1- Public Education and Outreach
Promoter	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational Articles: fulfills MCM #1- Public Education and Outreach

Municipality: _____

Who should we contact regarding MS4 materials?

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____