

Barnegat Township Adopt-A-Drain Program

Introduction

The Township Committee in partnership with the Barnegat Public Works Dept has developed this community program to improve the quality of storm water within the Township. Stormwater management along with flooding and the quality of Stormwater that is discharged into the Barnegat Bay and our ground waters is a concern to all the Residents and the Township and this program is one way that we all can improve our environment.

About the Program

This program enlists volunteers to adopt a Storm drain and then monitor the condition of that drain. This program covers all 1500 Township owned storm drains. All township storm drains have been inventoried and have had an Adopt-A-Drain placard placed on them with the ID number on it. Residents who adopts a drain will be given simple guidelines to fallow and all the forms needed do there inspections of the drains and how to notify the public works Dept with the condition of the drain.

Program Goals

The program is to educate the public on the importance of the quality of Stormwater and to reduce the amount of litter that enters our Stormwater system and ends up in the Barnegat Bay. To establish a preventative maintenance program that will improve the overall quality of our Storm drain basins and storm water discharge. The public works Dept. will present to Township organizations a program on how the Adopt-A-Drain works along with how important it is to residents of the Township and how the program will improve the overall maintenance of our Storm drain System.

The Inspections Process:

Adopt-A-Drain inspections are very simple and require little time to complete.

Items that need to be checked are.

1. Basin Condition.

Check in side of basin to see if any blocks are missing or holes are around the basin and if there is any water in the basin in dry weather.

2. Debris around basin.

Take a look around and in the basin to see if any debris is clogging the basin that could add to pollution of our waterways.

3. Holes or Depressions

Check around basin for any holes or depressions that may be forming near the basin or in the roadway or in grass behind the basin.

4. Casting Condition

Check for any metal casting that may be broken or cracked.

5. Dumping of fluids.

Check for evidence of dumping of any fluids in to storm drain such as paint, paint thinners or motor oil.

6. Inventory Placard

Making sure the inventory placard is in place on the basin.

7. Notification.

Notify the Public Works of any problems that might come up in the inspections.