



# Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition

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## **BROOME-TIOGA STORMWATER COALITION PUBLIC MEETING ON STORMWATER ACTIVITIES FOR 2021-2022**

**Date of Public Meeting:** Tuesday, May 31 at 10:30 am

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9721419816>

**Meeting ID:** 972 141 9816

The Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition is comprised of the 15 designated municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) communities in Broome and Tioga Counties. Permits are required for stormwater discharges from MS4s in urbanized areas, and the New York State Department of Conservation requires an annual report to be submitted by the Coalition to be in compliance with state and federal stormwater regulations. At this meeting, the BTSC will provide an overview of its Annual Report as well as local stormwater programs, activities, and initiatives in the area, and is inviting the public to attend and comment.

Watersheds and separate sewer systems cross municipal boundaries and collaborative efforts to address local stormwater issues saves time, money, and energy. As a result, the MS4 formed the BTSC, and works together to address local stormwater issues and meet requirements. One of the most important tasks that the BTSC does is educating the public and answering questions, such as: Where does rainwater end up that flows down into storm drains lining our roads? How is this stormwater runoff connected to the quality of our drinking water?

In most of the Greater Binghamton region, storm sewer infrastructure conveys untreated rainwater from our roads directly to the Susquehanna River. In other words, contaminated runoff could lead to contaminated drinking water. The BTSC's Stormwater Annual Report illustrates progress made on reducing pollution and contamination in stormwater by conducting various activities categorized in 6 major areas: Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Site Runoff Management, and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations.

The public is an important part of achieving the BTSC's goals for protecting water quality through proper stormwater management. Residents can help protect water quality by cleaning up after pets, preventing oil leaks from vehicles, properly disposing of trash, and reporting illegal dumping, among other things. For more information on how residents can help keep our waterways clean, please see [www.waterfromrain.com](http://www.waterfromrain.com). Information about the BTSC, including a digital version of the annual report, is available on our website, [www.BroomeTiogaStormwater.com](http://www.BroomeTiogaStormwater.com).