

# The City's Storm Sewer:

## Protecting Our Waters

In an effort to protect our waters, the City has a federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). This permit is currently up for reissuance and the city is preparing for additional requirements in the upcoming months. Currently the new permit is scheduled to be signed in the Spring/ Summer of 2013. Until the reissuance of the new permit the City will continue to operate under the requirements of the old permit.

The permit requires that the City, as the owner of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to reduce the discharge of pollutants from its storm sewer system to the maximum extent possible. The City's SWPPP is comprised of six minimum control measures, as required under the permit.

For more detailed information about the proposed new permit, please visit the MPCA stormwater program website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/stormwater/municipal-stormwater/ms4-general-permit-reissuance.html>

*For information on the City SWPPP and MS4 program, please visit the City's website or City Hall.*

