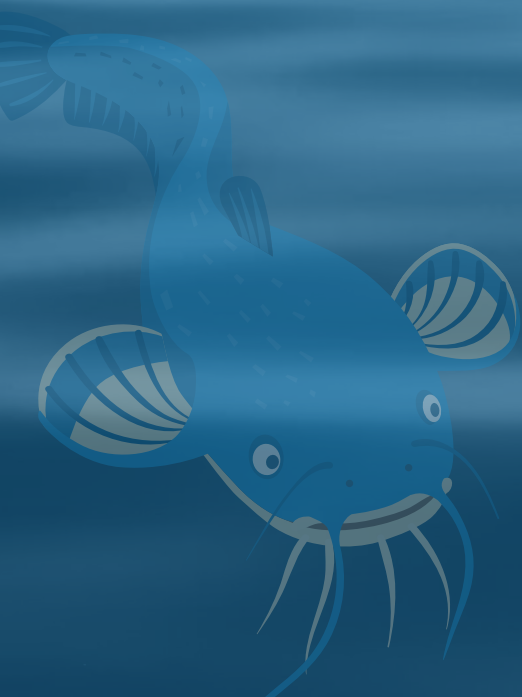


STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM

2021 ANNUAL  
DISCHARGE  
MONITORING  
REPORT



PREPARED BY  
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*Engineer Tech. III*



## **Introduction and Description**

The 2021 Discharge Monitoring Report is given in a format in conjunction with the NDR04-0000 permit. Presented sequentially to follow the permit elements, the report begins with general requirements and progresses through the six Minimum Control Measures. Highlighted or example documentation is provided at the end of each section as appropriate. A growing number of resources are digital or linked to AutoCAD/GIS, which is available for audit upon request.

The **Fargo MS4 Compliance Summary** is a matrix of Part V of the NDR04. This table illustrates compliance responses spanning each control measure and the MS4 Program overall in abridged exhibits. Please see each separate measure for topic specific criteria responses.

## **Evaluation and Assessment**

Evaluation, assessment and effectiveness of goals, projects and BMPs is conducted annually. Fargo's MS4 Program meets compliance goals set locally and by the state NDR04 permit requirements. Results of these measures and recommended changes are consolidated on a summary sheet (MS4 Compliance Summary) at the end of this section.

## **MS4 Program Map**

Fargo perpetually maintains a state of the art geographic information system (GIS) and AutoCAD mapping program of the complete infrastructure system (permit items IV.E.a-f). These platforms calculates all property areas and components of the municipal systems. This map is available for viewing at the office but is unavailable for outside access due to security concerns.

## **MS4 Operated Facilities**

Fargo Wastewater and Solid Waste entities operate under separate stormwater permits. Please contact each department for their specific permit requirements.

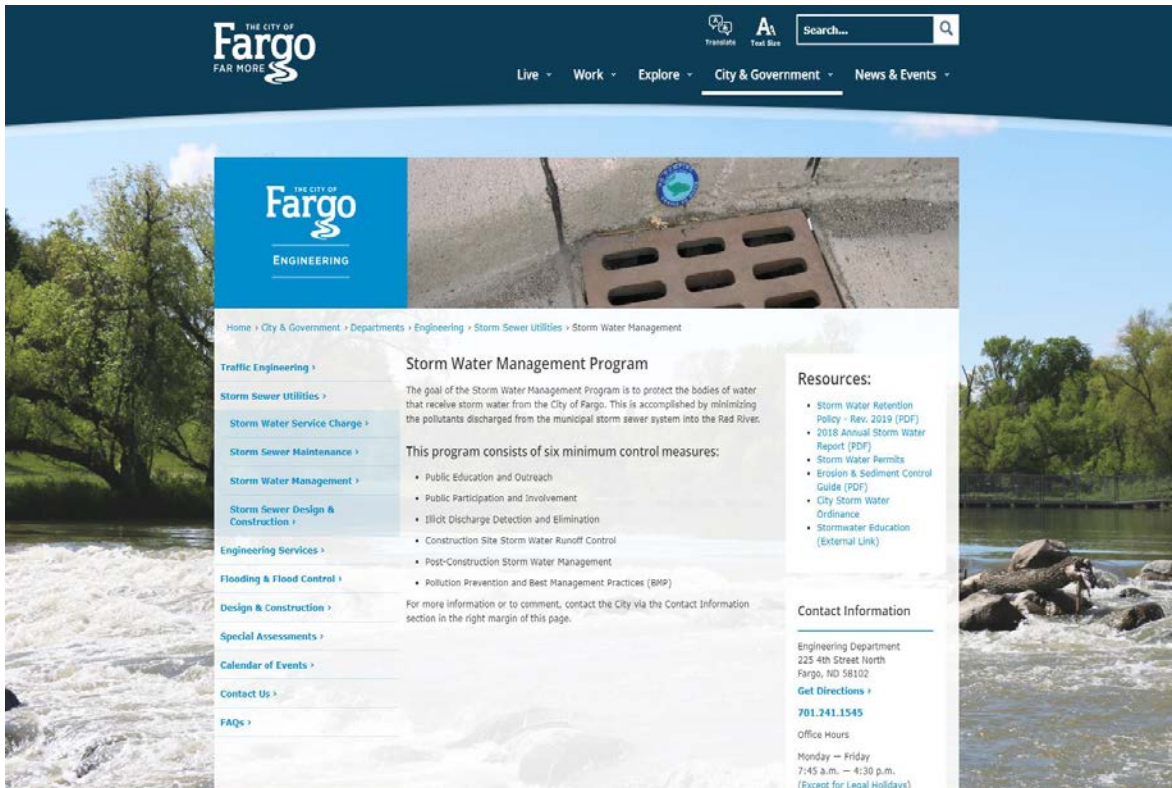
## **Pollution Assessment (Identified Pollutants)**

Fargo has identified pollutants and specifically lists them in the Stormwater Ordinance (Chapter 37 of the City of Fargo Municipal Code). The ordinance lists obvious water degrading agents or practices, but it also states that any action or process that diminishes water quality is a violation. Stopping or reducing negative discharge is the goal of not only the regulation, it is the essence of the entire stormwater program.

Reduction/removal of these pollutants is accomplished by structural (retention, detention ponds, grit chambers, etc.) and non-structural (prescribed discharge rates, compliance practices, etc.) BMPs.

## Public Availability

This report is made available to the public online at: [The City of Fargo - Storm Water Management](#)  
The MS4 program and related operational documents are available upon request during business hours.



The screenshot shows the City of Fargo website's "Storm Water Management Program" page. The page features a navigation menu at the top with options like "Live", "Work", "Explore", "City & Government", and "News & Events". A search bar is also present. The main content area includes a sidebar with a list of services such as "Traffic Engineering", "Storm Sewer Utilities", and "Storm Water Management". The central text describes the program's goal to protect water bodies by minimizing pollutants and lists six minimum control measures: Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation and Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control, Post-Construction Storm Water Management, and Pollution Prevention and Best Management Practices (BMP). A "Resources" section lists documents like "Storm Water Retention Policy - Rev. 2019 (PDF)" and "2018 Annual Storm Water Report (PDF)". A "Contact Information" section provides the address of the Engineering Department (225 4th Street North, Fargo, ND 58102), the phone number 701.241.1545, and office hours from Monday to Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding legal holidays.

## Shared Program Agreements with other MS4s

The City of Fargo and North Dakota State University have an agreement that the city performs construction permitting and inspection on campus. NDSU is responsible for all other reporting elements in the permit.

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# Fargo MS4 Compliance Summary

	(NDR04-V.c.1) Permit Status Compliance: BMP Assessment & Evaluation	(NDR04.V.c.2, 3) Measurable Goals Compliance, Progress, Completed	City of Fargo MS4 Compliance Summary	(NDR04-V.c.5) Future Planned Activities	(NDR04-V.c.6) Changes to BMP or Measurable Goals	(NDR04-V.c.7,8) Responsible Entity	(NDR04-V.c.9) Violations Issued	Reviewed
MS4 Program Overall	Complies, BMPs adequate	All MCM Goals meet compliance and were completed.	Fargo's MS4 Program is effective in addressing & reducing non-compliant discharges.	Additional studies, new reporting capabilities may enhance or expand goals.	No changes are planned for 2022 beyond the studies.	Fargo Storm Sewer Utility	1-6-22	See individual Minimum control Measures for detailed information and supporting documentation.
MCM-1 & 2	Complies	Completed	Effective	Maintain As-is	No Changes	SSU	1-6-22	Most information in the report is available online <a href="http://www.FargoND.gov/city-government/departments/engineering/storm-sewer-utility/stormwatermanagement">www.FargoND.gov/city- government/departments/engineering/storm- sewer-utility/stormwatermanagement</a>
MCM-3	Complies	Completed	Effective	Maintain As-is	No Changes	SSU	1-13-22	
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(Excludes Environmental Health and Wastewater Treatment Departments)

MCM 1 & 2

**Stormwater Education Program**

**Involvement**

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**Participation**



## Minimum Control Measures 1 & 2

### Fargo's Stormwater Education Program

In summary, the MS4 Permit Minimum Control Measures (MCM) 1 & 2 require the city to provide education, outreach, public participation and involvement opportunities. We must specifically address construction and post-construction pollution prevention, illicit discharges and methods to reduce negative discharges, while conducting our municipal operations. Additionally, we must develop a method to quantify our educational effectiveness and provide a method to adjust the programming.

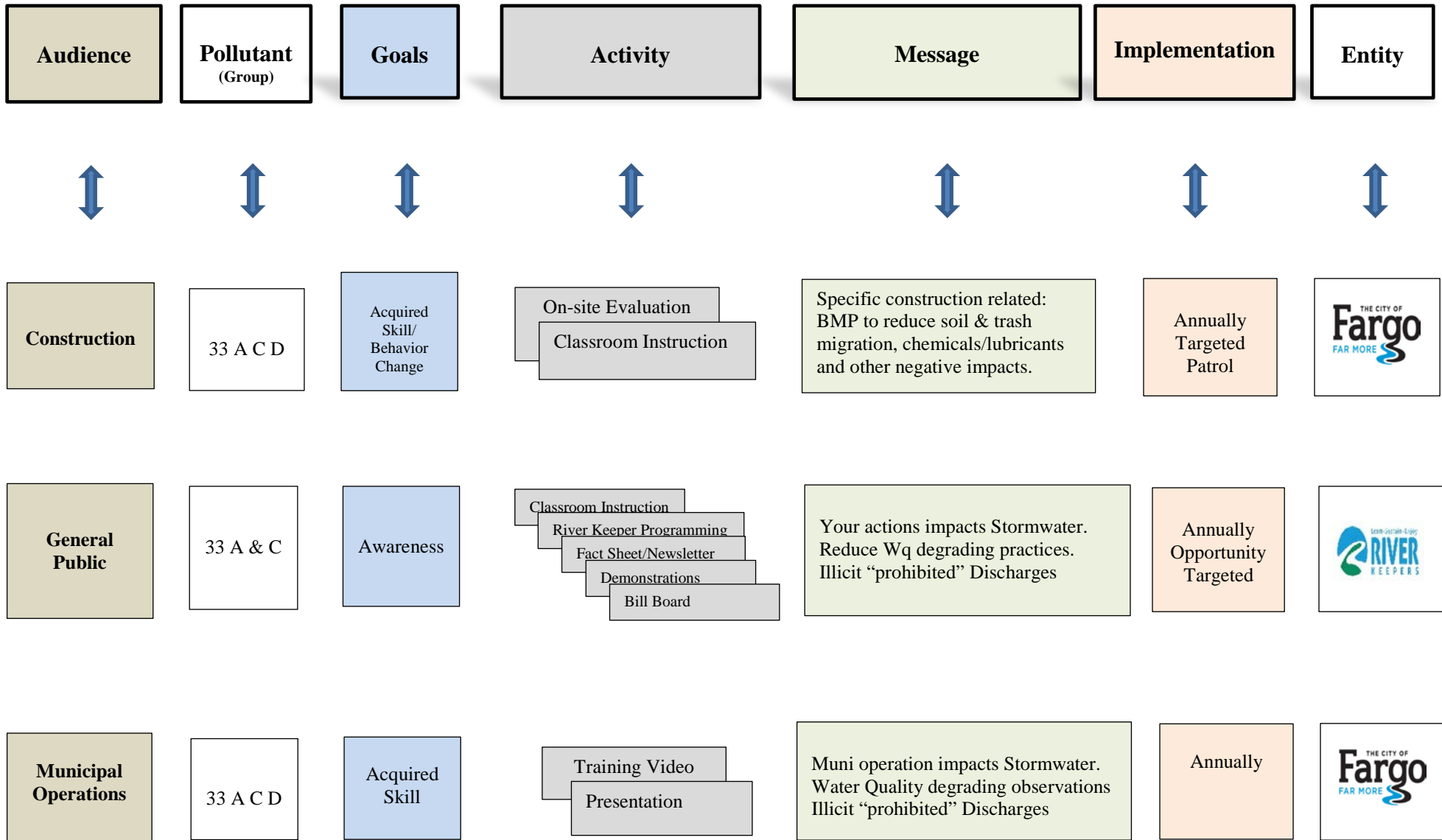


Our education program integrates the requirements prescribed under these MCMs. Collectively, the Fargo Stormwater Education Program uses a “based” learning approach to educate, inform and involve people concerning Stormwater’s impact on water quality. Although water quality is not a new concept today, polluting agents and practices might not be obvious in people’s minds. Our program helps inform the public about water polluting practices and what they can do to reduce or eliminate them. Learning and participation is focused toward target audiences and utilizes a variety of activities, projects, methods and mediums to educate and inform people about stormwater and water quality.

We have specifically designated construction, municipal maintenance operations and the “public” as our target audiences. The targets were selected based on perceived need, impact potential, MS4 requirements and the ability to deliver programming. Learning delivery to these segments is scheduled and consists of direct or implied, activities, projects or techniques. For instance, consider that soil migration is of primary concern at a construction site, yet it also occurs at a flower bed. Where a construction site has specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) that must be utilized, an implied concept of awareness (that soils migrate) may be adequate to the flower bed scenario. Education may be a simple billboard message (Inquiry Based) or specific technical training (Problem Based), depending on the audience or practice.

How we measure the education program’s effectiveness is yet another challenge. Quantification is one method. We simply count people participating in training seminars, providing feedback or the number of projects delivered (fact sheet or other), violations issued, sediment or trash removed, etc. The following pages highlight our program’s architecture, complete with illustration tables, graphics, images and examples of the actual materials utilized in the delivery of the program. The final section is focused on program performance measures (evaluation) and adjustment methodology.

# MCM I&2 Education, Outreach & Involvement





# MCM 1&2 Strategy Primer

TARGET AUDIENCE	TARGET POLLUTANT (Group)	EDUCATIONAL GOALS	ACTIVITIES / MESSAGES	MEDIUM (To Distribute)	PROGRAM	ACTIVITY PLAN (Implementation)	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	ADJUSTMENT METHOD	Reviewed	Program Modification Recommendations
Construction Industry	33 A, C & D	Acquired skill Behavior change	<b>Problem-based learning</b>  <b>Construction impacts stormwater quality</b>	SSU  2nd party	<u>Responsibility</u> SSU	<u>Schedule</u> Annual, Continuous during construction season	Participation count Permit/violation report Complaint log Staff referral Maintenance record	Yearly program review, direct contact, verbal interaction with partners, other agencies and facilitators, etc.	January 20, 2022	Continue to improve annual spring Stormwater Conference
General Public	33 A & C	Increased awareness	<b>Inquiry-based learning</b>  <b>Water quality topics</b>	Billboard, core partner, direct mail, fact sheet, Facebook, newsletter, Twitter, website  Messaging (printed) Demonstration (projects)	SSU	Perpetual, seasonal	Participation count, complaint, staff referral, maintenance record	Yearly program review, direct contact, verbal interaction with partners, other agencies and facilitators, etc.	January 6, 2022	Continue Water Quality Device & Retention Ponds Log and inspections
Municipal Operations	33 A, C & D	Acquired skill	<b>Project-based learning</b>  <b>Muni-operations impact stormwater quality</b>	Presentation, lecture, video, Q/A  Training, observation, BMP	SSU	Annual rotating basis, some departments may also provide in-house training	Participation count, complaint, staff referral, maintenance record	Yearly program review, direct contact, verbal interaction with partners, other agencies and facilitators, etc.	February 2, 2022	Continue accurate reporting and recording between Public Works Superintendent and SSU Staff

Ordinance Identified Pollutants (Group / Definition)	
Dumping of 37-0102.(33A)	Vegetative materials, including grass clippings & tree branches, Earth fill, Rocks Concrete Chunks or Metal, Demolition or construction materials, or structures.
Disposal /Misuse 37-0102.(33C)	Materials that would degrade the quality of waters within the system, including, but not limited to Chemicals (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, etc.) or chemical disposal or misuse of, Petroleum based products (gasoline, oil, fuels, solvents, paints, etc.).
Sediment Migration 37-0102.(33.D)	Erosion and sediment originating from a property and deposited onto city streets, private properties or into the storm water conveyance system Failure to clean/remove - tracked sediment by the end of each work day, or as needed to prevent or minimize the transport (33.E)



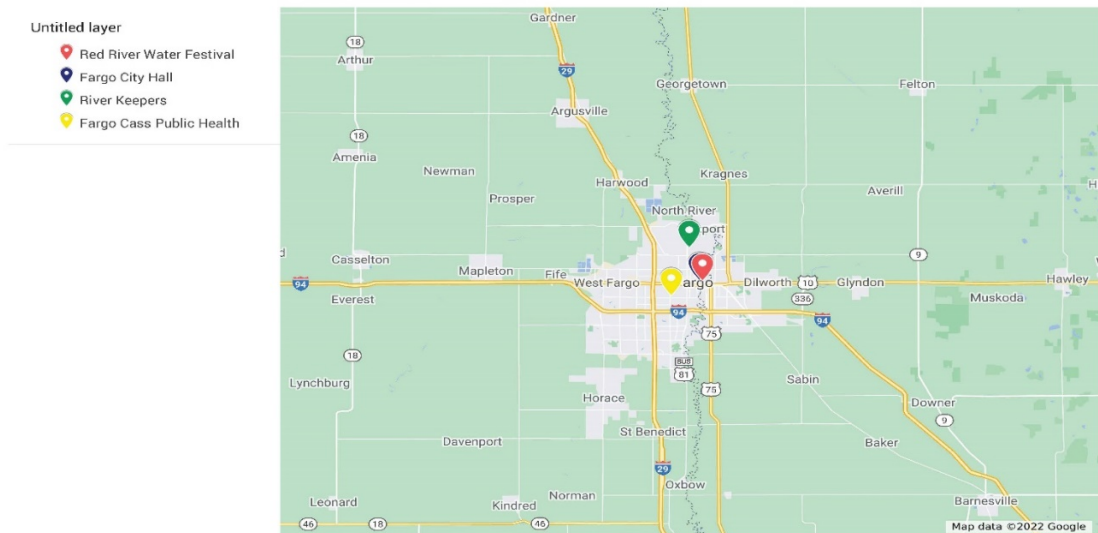
## Fargo's Storm Sewer Utility Staff

Our staff conducts related environmental education and outreach learning activities along with other city staff, core partners and related entities. The concept of water quality in stormwater discharge is the goal of the education, involvement and participation programming.

### Facilitators

- The City of Fargo Storm Sewer Utility (SSU) is responsible for the Stormwater Program's administration.
- Contributors include city departments: Environmental Health, Solid Waste, Public Works and Wastewater Treatment.
- Fargo River Keepers is a core partner promoting stormwater/ecology education to the general public. Classroom instruction, lab activities and public involvement/participation projects comprise their basic curriculum.
- Other entities delivering similar educational programming include: Red River Basin Commission, local watershed districts, Cass County Soil Conservation, Audubon Dakota, Homebuilders of Fargo/Moorhead etc.

## Public Involvement & Outreach Map



## **Example of contribution by other facilitators**

The City of Fargo recycling coordinator delivers programming themed toward the concept that recycling reduces environmental impact and promotes water quality.

### **Recycling Education**



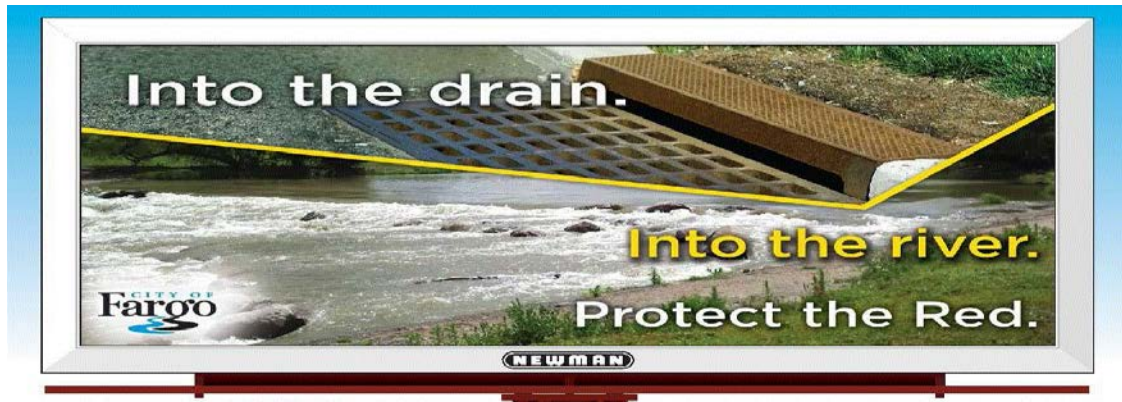
## **Pollutants and Best Management Practices**

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Knowing or identifying a pollutant is the first important aspect of our stormwater program. The second most important item is simply stopping or reducing the effect of the pollutant before it reaches a storm sewer inlet and eventually the river. This stopping or reducing (whatever it might be) is called a Best Management Practice or BMP. It could be a mat or fiber roll between the street and a striped construction site or stopping watering before any sediment/dirt from a flowerbed is carried into the street gutter.

## Activities and Methods Used to Deliver our Program

### Mass Marketing



### Digital Media

- Website [www.FargoND.gov](http://www.FargoND.gov) (Far More On Demand)
- Twitter
- Facebook



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# Direct Mail & Factsheets

**BE INFORMED ABOUT FLOOD & STORMWATER INFORMATION**

Flood and stormwater policies affect all property owners in The City of Fargo. We want to ensure you're able to make informed decisions for your property.

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To learn more, visit [FargoND.gov/StormPonds](http://FargoND.gov/StormPonds)

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# 2021 Public Recycling Education

## January

- We launched the new Residential Transfer Station at the City of Fargo Landfill with videos, flyers and numerous interviews.
- 455 letters sent to Landfill accounts outlining what is acceptable and what is not, ie metal, cardboard and other recyclables must be separated.

## February

- Donation presented to Fargo Public Schools Foundation, Got no milk program in conjunction with Minnkota Recycling. The donation was matched at Giving Hearts Day for a total of \$385.27.

## April

- Communication made with 12 local roll off service companies in regard to recyclables in roll off loads, outlined items like cardboard and metal must be separated prior to unloading
- Presented to 130 students for Earth Day on the importance of the three Rs and gave out City of Fargo reusable grocery bags.

## May

- Held Clean up over the course of two weeks again, numerous interviews, press releases and social media posts regarding the event and the collection schedule.

## July

- Presented to 50 Pre-K students on the three Rs and gave out City of Fargo reusable grocery bags.

## September

- Presented to the Environmental Club at North High and prepped for the Elementary Education program we work together on.

## October

- Partnered with Minnkota Recycling on the Cans for Cash program, funds to be donated at Giving Hearts Day, 2022.
- The North High Environmental Club, along with their advisor and I presented to 300 third grade students in the Fargo Public Schools on the three R's.

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## What are Floodplains?

Floodplains are natural riverine landscapes. Visit [FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain) to learn about their natural and beneficial features, including:

- Recreation
- Fish, fauna, forest and wildflower habitat
- Open space
- Buffer zones

## Flood Information

Visit [FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain) to learn more about:

- Elevation certificate and Letter Of Map Change (LOMC) archive
- FIRM zone (A, AE, floodways) interpretation, property location
- Floodplain mapping, flood insurance and financial assistance
- Flood mitigation projects
- Historic flood photos, flood areas, depth and records
- Levee and protection level information
- Site visits conducted for providing flooding assistance and retrograde advice

## Building in a Floodplain

Building in the special flood hazard area (a floodplain) has special requirements. For more information on building in the floodplain, please contact the Fargo Inspections Department. 701.241.1561

## CassClayAlerts

Cass Clay Alerts alerts residents about the latest information in emergency situations. Residents are encouraged to sign up for this program at [CassClayAlerts.gov](http://CassClayAlerts.gov).

## Flood Insurance

**Risk Rating 2.0** is FEMA's latest update to the National Flood Insurance Program. This update may impact flood insurance rates. Learn more about flood insurance and financial assistance at [FargoND.gov/Floodplain](http://FargoND.gov/Floodplain) or by consulting with your insurance agent.

### Please be aware:

- Some flood insurance policy holders may experience significant premium rate increases
- Others may see premium decreases

## Interactive Floodplain Map

View an interactive map to see how Red River flood levels impact the Fargo metro area at [FargoND.gov/FloodMap](http://FargoND.gov/FloodMap).

# MORE INFORMATION

## Stormwater Program

Stormwater is surface water which discharges into the Red River. Discharges are governed by Fargo's stormwater program, also known as MS4. Fargo is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittee.

Chapter 37 of the Fargo Municipal Code governs surface water runoff, including discharges from construction sites. The ordinance specifically restricts dumping anything that degrades water quality into the storm utility system. This includes grass clippings and pet waste.

Learn about the stormwater program and these topics at [FargoND.gov/Stormwater](http://FargoND.gov/Stormwater).

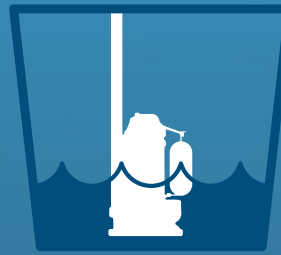
- Draining swimming pools
- Erosion and sediment control permitting
- Site inspection (inquiries or complaints)
- Stripped land requirements
- Storm sewer systems
- Suspected illicit discharge

## Environmental Protection Agency

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees conservation, resiliency and sustainability policies related to floodplains and stormwater in the United States.

Learn more about the EPA's stormwater policies at [epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program](http://epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-program).

## Sump Pump Program



The City of Fargo has a seasonal Sump Pump Bypass program that allows residents to discharge into the sanitary sewer from October 1 through March 31. Residents are invited to participate in the Sump Pump Program for a monthly fee of \$3.

Learn how to save time and better manage your sump pump at [FargoND.gov/SumpPump](http://FargoND.gov/SumpPump).

## Resources, Outreach, Education & Events

The City of Fargo engages and collaborates with community partners in a variety of ways to promote education and outreach regarding flood and stormwater policies, including:

- FargoOne reporting
- Homebuilders Association of Fargo-Moorhead
- Homeowner fact sheets
- LaunchPad education for employees
- Official social media channels
- Recycling education
- Red River Water Festival
- Storm drain marking program
- Stormwater Construction Conference
- Stormwater Retention Pond fact sheet
- TV/Radio/Newspaper

## Learn More or Provide feedback



Scan the QR code with your phone or tablet's camera

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### Sump Pump Program

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- ✉ [SumpPumpDept@FargoND.gov](mailto:SumpPumpDept@FargoND.gov)



# STORM (RETENTION) POND FACT SHEET

## WHAT IS A STORM POND?



A storm pond (also known as a retention pond) is a storm water facility that holds a set amount of water year-round, with additional storage capacity for large rainfall events.

## WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?



These ponds help capture runoff from storm events and help prevent localized flooding by quickly draining the storm sewer system and retaining until the system volume equalizes.

## HOW DO STORM PONDS IMPACT THE RED RIVER?



In addition to flood prevention, the ponds also help treat the water before discharging it to the Red River, by settling out sediment and pollutants.

## WHAT STEPS DOES THE CITY UNDERTAKE TO MAINTAIN THESE PONDS?



The City of Fargo maintains retention ponds. The City also uses a water dye treatment, to try and control algae growth and odor. This process reduces penetrating sunlight which helps reduce the growth.

## WHY DO THE PONDS TURN GREEN?



Storm water retention ponds are designed to capture pollutants and sediment before releasing the water. This process also captures nutrients from fertilizers (common in new developments where newly planted lawns are being fertilized).

## WHY IS ALGAE PRESENT?



The runoff from fertilized lawns contains high levels of potassium, nitrogen and phosphorus. When these nutrients reach the pond they create an algae bloom, which uses all available oxygen in the water and can lead to odors and thick green matting of algae.

# STORM POND (RETENTION) FACT SHEET

## CAN RESIDENTS SWIM, BOAT OR ICE SKATE ON CITY PONDS?



No, for your safety The City does not allow these type of activities.

## CAN I BUILD/CONSTRUCT SOMETHING AT THE EDGE OF THE POND?



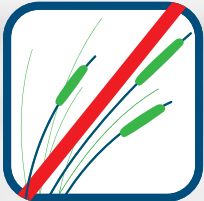
No. Typically all ponds have water storage easements around them, this ensures the pond can hold all the water needed to reduce possible neighborhood flooding impacts. This is referred to the high water mark and is typically several feet higher than the normal pool level.

## CAN I USE THE STORM WATER POND WATER FOR IRRIGATION?



No, The City does not allow residents to use the water for irrigation pond levels are designed for performance and typically controlled by an outlet structure.

## CAN I REMOVE VEGETATION AROUND THE POND EDGE?



No. Not only do the plants improve water quality by filtering pollutants, they also provide critical slope protection by reducing the impacts from wave action erosion.

## WHAT IS THE WATER QUALITY OF A STORM POND?



Property owners should be aware the water collected in these ponds can contain harmful pollutants carried by runoff from driveways, streets and lawns.

## Core Partners



River Keepers delivers water ecology education, and provides volunteer opportunities for the general public. Their mission is to advocate sustainable use of the Red River of the North, primarily within the Fargo-Moorhead area promoting a renewed vision. River Keepers is dedicated to educating our community by increasing local watershed knowledge through active engagement.

## River Keepers Activities

Activities include the annual Red River Water Festival, backpack program, geocache, interpretive signs, storm drain marking program and river friendly house and yard management. Fargo SSU staff participates with River Keepers in various activities annually. Some activities in 2021 did have to reformat due to Covid-19.

This event sponsored by River Keepers is a very popular annual ecology program for area fourth grade students. This learning event brings students to the river, where they learn and participate in water quality concepts. SSU staff participates with teaching and providing funding.



Due to Covid-19 the Red River Water Festival was cancelled, however, selected materials were distributed to teachers around the area for the option to continue the education.

## WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm drains are the grated openings in the street that collect water from rain and melting snow to minimize street flooding.

As stormwater flows along streets, it collects trash, leaves, grass clippings, pet waste, car fuels and other pollutants into storm drains.

Pesticides, paints, antifreeze, and other used motor oil can end up in the storm drains when people dispose of them improperly. This is an illicit discharge and is against city ordinances.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Volunteer to mark storm drains to teach others about stormwater
- Prevent pollution by keeping contaminants out of storm drains
- Follow the No Dumping Drains to River message and do your part to help protect our water
- Sign up your volunteer group to mark storm drains by contacting River Keepers



A volunteer program to protect the Red River by linking human actions to pollution problems.

## WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Have you ever wondered where water goes after it 'disappears' into a storm drain? Stormwater in Fargo-Moorhead is not treated at a wastewater plant, but is discharged directly into the Red River or Sheyenne River through outfall pipes. Runoff carries contaminant and debris picked up along the way, polluting our surface and groundwater, which are often drinking water sources.



## CONTACT US

River Keepers  
kimberly@riverkeepers.org  
701.356.8915  
riverkeepers.org  
1120 28th Ave. N., Ste. B  
Fargo, ND 58102

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

riverkeepers.org  
FargoND.gov  
cityofmoorhead.com  
westfargond.gov

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## PREPARATION

1. Discuss the storm drain marking program with your youth group, school class, civic organization, family, neighborhood group or friends. It is recommended that participants be at least 10 years old.
2. Select a date for marking. The pavement must be dry.
3. Choose a time of day and length of time available to do the project. Two hours is the recommended length.
4. Select a neighborhood to mark and a location to meet.
5. Figure out the number of participants.
6. Recruit supervisors. One supervisor is recommended for every 4-8 youth volunteers, depending on the age.
7. Plan an alternative date in case of rain.
8. Contact River Keepers to set up the project, which includes supplies and training.

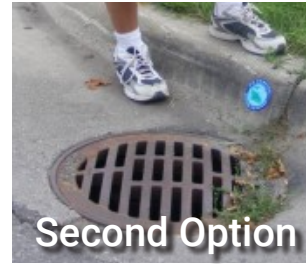
## DAY OF PROJECT

Put on safety vests.

Break into groups - two people to mark the curb, two people to distribute door hangers.

## CURB MARKING TEAM

1. Decide where to put the marker.
  - \* Surface must be flat, dry, and make contact with the whole marker.
  - \* The preferred placement is on top of the curb.



- \* The second option is on the face of the curb.
- \* If the curb is not possible, the street right next to the curb and storm drain is the last option.



2. Sweep the area where the marker will be placed so it is free of any loose debris.
3. Peel backing paper off one side of the adhesive disk.
4. Place storm drain marker evenly on top of the adhesive disk.
5. Remove backing paper on other side of the adhesive disk.
6. Apply to cleaned area. It is important that the entire edge of the marker is sealed to the curb or street.
7. Step or place pressure on the storm drain marker to make sure the adhesive sticks.

## DOOR HANGER TEAM

- Walk on sidewalks, stay off of the grass.
- Do NOT put door hangers in mailboxes.
- Place door hanger on the door that looks most used. Do NOT open the door.
- Do NOT leave a door hanger if it will blow away.



## FOLLOW-UP

- Indicate streets marked on maps provided.
- Document how many volunteers participated and how many hours were volunteered.
- Return maps and extra storm drain marking supplies.
- Congratulate yourselves...you deserve it!

# RAIN BARREL BENEFITS

## Save

Conserve water, reduce demand for treated tap water, and save money by lowering your monthly bill. A rain barrel can save over 1,000 gallons of water during peak summer months.

## Happier Plants

Rainwater is free of the additives (e.g., chlorine and fluoride) in tap water that plants don't need or want. Rainwater is also slightly acidic, helping plants access soil nutrients. If your city restricts watering during times of dry weather, it may be the only way to avoid having your garden wilt. The water stored in a rain barrel can be used to water lawns and gardens either with a traditional hose, soaker hose, or with a watering can.

## Building Protection

Control moisture levels around the foundation of buildings.

## Flexibility

As water storage needs change, the number of barrels in a system can follow suit.

## Reduced Stormwater Runoff

Rain barrels can divert a limited amount of stormwater from roofs, reducing strains on urban streams and storm sewer systems. Water and pollutants that go down a storm drain in the street go directly to the Red River, not to a waste water treatment facility. If stored water will not be used for plants or a lawn, slowly release stored water by allowing it to drain through the lower opening. Attach a hose to direct the water where you want it to flow. Make sure your barrel is empty or lowered enough to capture the maximum amount of water expected with each rain event.

# CONTACT US

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Amanda.Lewis@clay.mnswcd.org  
218.287.2255  
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# SUPPORTERS



MOORHEAD  
MINNESOTA  
Parks and Recreation



# RAIN BARRELS: Basic Information, Workshops & For Sale



## FOR SALE

### Assembled Rain Barrel - \$85 \$75 (Seasonally Available)

White 55 gallon used food grade barrel



### Rain Barrel Kit - \$35 (Seasonally Available)

- Flexi-Fit Diverter
- 3-piece Hole Saw Set
- Spigot and threaded Rubber Seal
- Fill Hoes and Rubber Seal
- "Do Not Drink This Water" Sticker
- Installation Screws
- Installation Instructions

### Barrel - \$30 (Seasonally Available)

- 55-gallon used food grade barrel in blue or white

To buy an assembled rain barrel, hardware kit and/or barrel, or for more information, contact Kimberly: [kimberly@riverkeepers.org](mailto:kimberly@riverkeepers.org) or 701.356.8915.

## EQUIPMENT

An assembled rain barrel requires a hand drill to complete the attachment to the downspout.

Tools required for assembly of the Rain Barrel Kit include safety glasses, safety gloves, drill, Phillips screwdriver, and a barrel.

Orders must be placed by e-mailing or calling River Keepers. Orders will usually be ready for pick-up three days after the order is placed. Usually, the order must be picked up during normal working hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. but if necessary, other arrangements can be made.

### Maintenance

Don't use the barrel in the winter to avoid ice damage. Drain the barrel, remove the inlet hose, remove Flex-Fit Diverter and leave all faucets open before freezing weather.



*"Everything was exactly right, the plants inside and outside bloomed like they never have before! It was outstanding," said a 2017 Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop participant.*

## MAKE YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOPS

Save money on your water bill and help protect the Red River's water quality by making your own rain barrel!



### 2020 Workshops

**Make and Paint, May 5 & 12, 2020, 6:00-8:00PM**

West Fargo

Fee: \$74 (for both days, includes supplies)

**June 10, 2020, 6:00-8:00PM**

At a Moorhead Park

Fee: \$59 (includes supplies)

**July 14, 2020, 6:00-8:00PM**

At a Fargo Park

Fee: \$59 (includes supplies)

Cass and Clay County residents may be eligible for partial reimbursement of fee; information will be available upon completion of the workshop.

**Come prepared to carry home an empty 55-gallon barrel.**

**To register:** Contact Moorhead Community Education at <https://www.moorheadschoools.org/schools/alternative-schools/community-education/> or call 218.284.3400.

## Committees

- Conservation
- Forestry Advisory

## Feedback



[Stormwater@FargoND.gov](mailto:Stormwater@FargoND.gov)

## Community Feedback

The opportunity to provide feedback “comment or other” on stormwater topics is communicated in various activities and projects. Community feedback is managed citywide on a unified basis through a number of portals including office visits, mail, telephone, website, email, Engage Fargo and FargoOne “to name a few”.

## Performance Measures

How do we evaluate the effectiveness of our MCM 1 & 2 programming since quantification is so difficult to apply. Some of the methods are listed below, others must be intrinsically interpreted by staff. An increase of incident reports by the public in 2021 is directly related to the increase of awareness of these degrading pollutants.

- Counting (attendance, address mailings, contact log, complaint log, frequency of Learning opportunities, etc.)
- Feedback from electronic reporting portals (email, FargoOne, etc.)
- Inter-department communication (increased - trash, sweeping, pipe cleaning, etc.)
- 2021 awareness incident reports

## Program adjustments

Annually (usually in the first two months of the year), all MCM programming is analyzed. Constructive input from the program’s targeted sectors is evaluated by the Fargo Storm Sewer Utility staff. Changes (additions or deletions) are incorporated and carried out.

Current program is deemed adequate and no changes are recommended for 2022. MCM 1 & 2 contributions will be maintained at the existing level.



MCM 3

**Stormwater Education Program**

**Illicit Discharge Detection and**

**Elimination Program**

**(IDDE)**



### **MCM 3 – Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program**

Degrading water quality (Illicit Discharge) by dumping substances or bypassing the sanitary system is illegal. The Red and Sheyenne Rivers are the source of the city's water supply, so protection of our drinking water is a critical mission. In response to that charge, the city has created a detection and elimination program commonly known in the stormwater world as the IDDE Program.

Fargo's IDDE Program uses the same design as many other MS4 entities. Public education/involvement/awareness along with training municipal staff are key components of the program. Specifically, the IDDE Program's focus is on the discovery, containment and elimination (mitigation) of water degrading practices. There are a number of rules and procedures available in the city to address non-conforming discharges.

In addition to State and Federal regulation, the Stormwater Ordinance defines non-conforming and allowable discharge that can enter our storm sewer utility. Construction and land disturbing activities are addressed as. Dumping any adverse substance in any form is a violation. Fargo's Stormwater Management Program under supervision of the Fargo City Engineer administers enforcement along with the full support of other city departments.

#### **IDDE Spill Response**



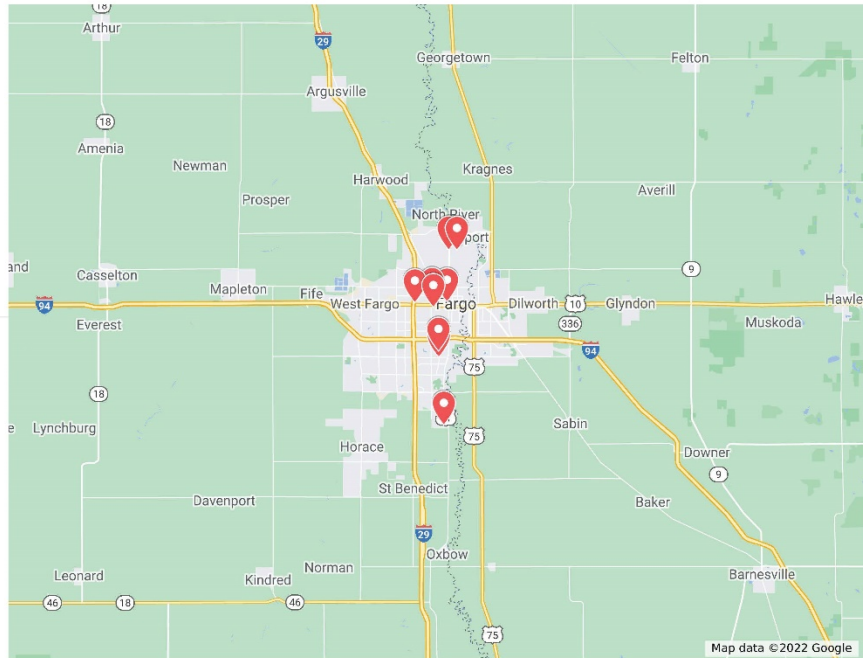
#### **Illegal discharge reports**

Illegal discharge reports communicated by other staff or the public follow the standard operating procedure format. Administration is by the department responsible for a particular operational segment. For example, reports involving a restaurant dumping grease into the sewer or on the ground is referred to Fargo Cass Public Health – food inspection division. Suspect illegal non-functioning storm sewer connection or infiltration routes to public works for remedy or testing. All hazardous material exposure incidents are directed to the Fargo Fire Department's HAZMAT Team. Each of these departments would take the lead command of operations and the Storm Sewer Utility Department reverts to a support role.

## Illicit Discharge & Elimination Map

### Illicit Discharge Locations

- 18 St & 28 Ave S
- 321 23 St S
- 802 33 Ave N
- 3219 18 St S
- 7441 15 St S
- Airport De-icer
- Main Ave & 36 St N
- 1445 1 Ave N
- 105 25 St N



### Routine Municipal Operations

Non-conforming material is an everyday maintenance issue for Fargo's Public Works (FPW) operations group. Operational staff is the field staff, defined by job description directed toward maintenance tasks of the city. Department staff vary from garbage pickup to snowplow route operators who are out patrolling the city constantly. All staff are trained to report operational inconsistencies including illicit discharge due to spill or other circumstance.

### Education, outreach and involvement

Education and outreach on this topic is conducted in concert with MCM 1 & 2. In all contact situations the perpetrator is appropriately educated concerning mitigation resolution along with any penalties assessed. Factsheets or violations are also used to educate the public and business operations on illegal dumping and other storm water conflict situations. Directed informational topic pieces like a fact sheet or letter is customarily sent to a geographic or similar group of people if a primary perpetrator cannot be identified. City staff is also trained for IDDE specific exposure in conjunction with MCM 6 (municipal maintenance operations).



### **Fargo IDDE Program Components**

- Chapter 37 (Stormwater Ordinance available online [www.FargoND.gov/auditors](http://www.FargoND.gov/auditors))
- Illicit discharge detection & elimination standard operating procedure
- Illicit discharge detection & elimination Work Order
- Educational Support Material
- Notice of Violation
- Drainage Complaint Log

### **Quantification, Appropriateness and Program Recommendations**

There are multiple incidents of illicit discharges reported annually to various departments. Each department mounted a suitable response and if appropriate performed necessary mitigation action to reduce future replication. Documentation of such incidents is perpetually maintained in department records. This system is highly functional, with no operational changes recommended.



# Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

## Standard Operating Procedure for IDDE

Staff assess the site situation and determines the best course of action. Staff's goal is to respond to a report of an illicit discharge in a timely manner, aid in its termination and enable remediation.

Field staff is trained how to spot an illicit discharge and report it for further investigation.

### Site Investigation

Assess the situation –

- Visual inspection of the site.
  - If life or property is at immediate risk call 911
  - If it can be done safely, stop the source of the spill
  - Take pictures/notes: location, size, colors, odors, type of material, etc.
  - Make contact with property owner/manager and direct to mitigate.
  - Contact appropriate department that oversees segment

### Contacts

- Fargo Fire Department 911 (non-emergency 241-1540)
- Environmental Health 476-6729
- Street Department 241-1453
- Waste Water Treatment Plant 241-1445

### Enforcement

- Issue Notice of Violation or Administrative Order to the violating party
- City also may charge owner for contractor/department site clean -up
- Non-compliance or post mitigation effort may be referred to City Prosecutor

### Report Log

Keep a log of illicit discharges, response and mitigation.

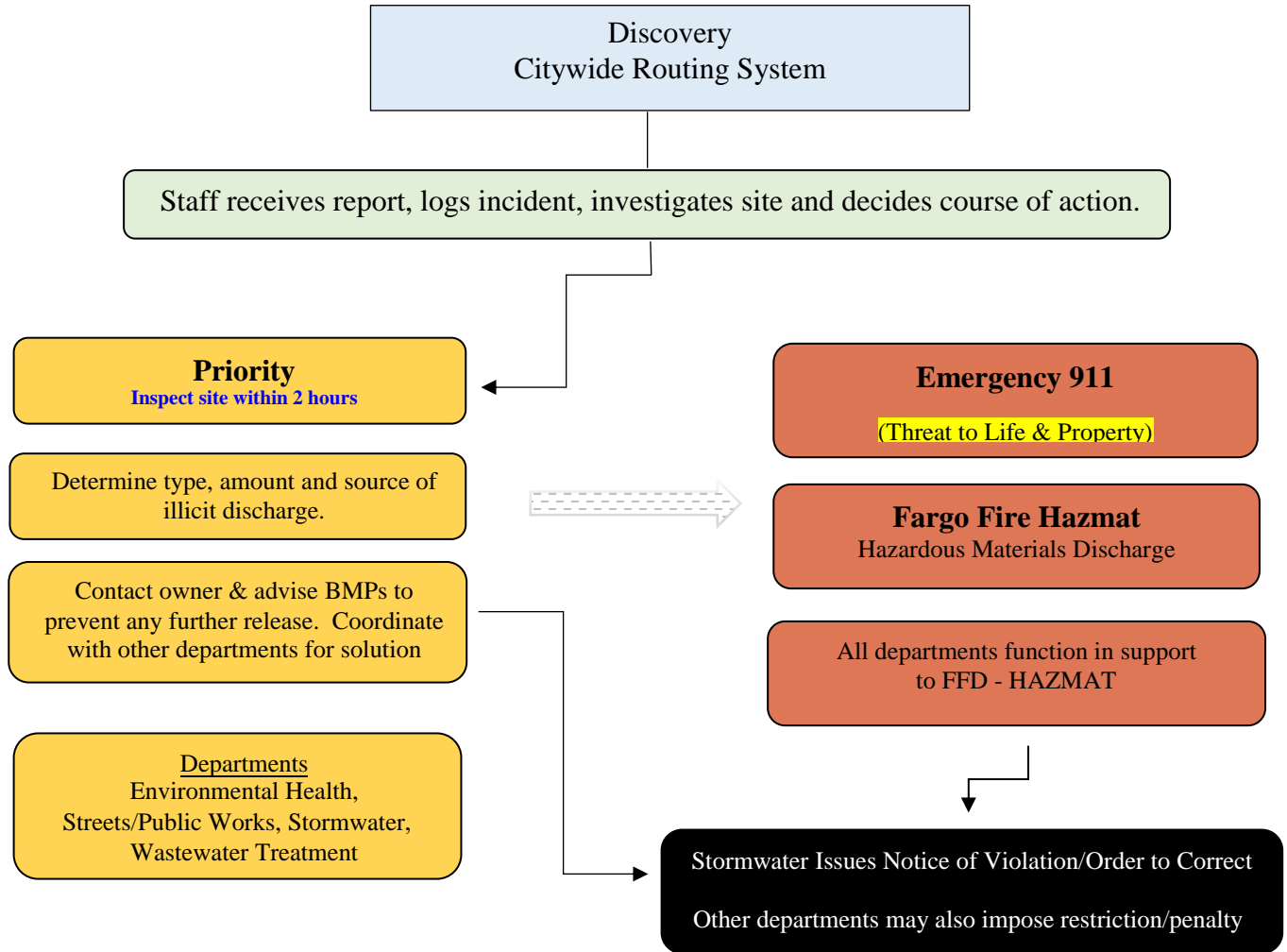
### Post remediation inspection

Perform site inspection to ensure mediation/mitigation was conducted.



# Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Standard Operating Procedure  
(NDR04, Part IV.F.3c)  
*Typical procedures but others may apply.*



Storm Sewer Utility takes a support role to lead department.

**Site re-inspection conducted post response.**

- If no or insufficient mitigation is accomplished, administrative order to correct is issued.
- Municipal Court

## **MS4 Underground Tank Storage Policy**

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### General Description

The classification, Underground Storage Tank (UST), also UST Systems is divided into two categories Regulated and Unregulated. USTs are normally associated with fueling (gas) stations, petroleum distributors or commercial/industrial operations and some residential sites. Locally the City of Fargo has three departments affiliated with USTs, fire, health and storm sewer. See description of departmental interaction below.

Regulated USTs are controlled by the State of North Dakota's Environmental Quality Division under their UST Program. NDCC Chapter 33-24-08 Technical standards and corrective actions requirements for owners and operators of underground storage tanks.

Unregulated UST remain under local observation with FFD having permit and location mapping authority, FCPH-EH assists in tank removal operations and health risk discoveries. The Storm Sewer Utility functions in a support role whenever a potential for release into the storm utility system.

#### **Fargo Fire Department**

- Permits installation, piping & inspects sites.
- Maintains UST database (location map)

#### **Fargo Cass Public Health's Environmental Division**

- Removal of buried tanks
- Records & forwards UST health risks to ND

#### **Storm Sewer Utility (MS4)**

- Cross-contamination into STS (with FFD, EH & PW)
- Discharge/Spills into STS
- Works in support of FFD & EH
- Most instances of release trigger the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program (IDDE) protocol (HazMat)

# Notice of Stormwater Violation

Owner/Operator

Construction Site Address

Contact Fax #

Date/Time

The Owner/Operator of this site shall correct the site's deficiencies listed below within **48 HOURS FROM DATE POSTED**

Permit #

A re-inspection for site compliance will occur 48 hours after violation issuance<sup>1</sup>.

**CONFIRM RECEIPT IMMEDIATELY AT: [stormwater@FargoND.gov](mailto:stormwater@FargoND.gov) or FAX: 701.241.8101**

Site Deficiency Violations

**Corrective Action Required:**

BMP's Not Placed or Maintained

Grass Buffer Strip Compromised

Illegal Temporary Entrance

Illegal Discharge<sup>2</sup>

Inlet Protection

No ESC Permit

Street Tracking<sup>3</sup>

Other:

**Additional Enforcement Action**

1. If non-conforming conditions exist upon re-inspection, the owner, operator, or permit holder shall be subject to a re-inspection fee of \$60/hr (\$30 minimum). **Failure to correct may also result in prosecution under the Fargo Municipal Code (with penalty not to exceed \$500.00).**
2. A live, illegal discharge is grounds for the immediate issuance of a **Stop Work Order**.
3. Tracking onto City streets can, at any time, result in a citation and **Summons to Appear** under Section 11-0901 of the Fargo Municipal Code.

**Re-Inspection Fee**

Date & Fee

Date & Fee

Date Referred to City Attorney

Date Referred to State of ND

**TOTAL**

**Owner/Operator: Sign & FAX to 701.241.8101**

Issued By:





## 2021 Log of Walk-in the Office, Site Visit, Telephone and Email FIRM Information provided by Fargo CFM Employees

**Type**

- e - email = written text communication, English Language (EL)
- o - office = in-person , told verbal communication (EL)
- p - phone = told verbal communication, (EL)
- s - site visit
- z - stormwater

**MI1 - Basic FIRM Information**

- MI2 - Additional FIRM Information
- MI3 - Problems not show on FIRM
- MI4 - Flood Depth Data
- MI5 - Speical Flood Related Hazard
- MI6 - Historical Flood Information
- MI7 - Natural Floodplain Functions

A requirement of CRS Activity 320 & 360

Date	Type	Address	Contact Name	Panel	Zone/BFE	Depth of BFE	Information Given	Past flood Repetitive Loss Area	Gave Flood Insurance Info	Action / Findings / Outcome / Recommendations
11/20	s	3101 30 AVE S	Dale, manager	779	AE	2.7	MI3&4, MI5&6	n	n	Storm pipe minor issue, on going maint issue (Unresolved), funding discussed
1/16	s	Royal Oaks Neighborhood	FM-19-B	591	x	N/A	MI1-4, MI6&7	n	y	Permanent flood mitigation, funding sources, meeting is conclusion of on site testing , survey and engineering analysis. Project underway in May 21
1/21	s	Elm Circle Neighborhood	FM-19-E	-594	x	N/A	MI1-4, MI6&8	n	y	Permanent flood mitigation, funding sources, meeting is conclusion of on site testing , survey and engineering analysis. Project underway in May 21
1/4	p	3738 15 ST S	Harold owner	783	AE 905.5'	0.5	MI1,2,4,6	n	y	Flood Insurance required
1/12	e	7411 16 ST S	Sandy owner	795	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
14-Jan	p	1519 38 AVE S	Nick owner	783	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
1/26	O	7476 20 ST S	Paul builder	795	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
1/26	p	7464 20 ST S	Jamie buyer	795	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
1/26	e	1321 Oak ST N	owner	593	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
3/1	s	3326 20 ST S	Tonya, owner	783	AE	0.6	MI1&2, 4, 6	n	y	Explained map, need for insurance and mitigation funding. (outcome = resolved with FM Diversion)
3/8	p	1601 38.5 AVE S	Marnee owner	783	AE 905.6'	0.9	MI1,2,4,6	n	y	Flood Insurance required, dicussed
4/7	s	1830 Rose Creek	Gary, owner	783	X	N/A	MI1-4, 6	n	y	Met owner discuss Fill placement, advise flood insurnace.
4/14	s	4102 15 ST S	Josh, owner	783	AE	0.7	MI1-3, 6	n	y	Meet owner discuss flood, Flood Ins required, funding for mitigation not an option. Cary flood ins.
4/27	p	4238 Timberlin DRS	Sue - owner	779	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
6/15	e	3597 Pierce ST S	Nancy owner	778	AE 905.7	0.7	MI1,2,4,6	n	y	Flood Insurance required
multiple	e	3312 Adams ST S	multiple	778	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	LOMA-many discussion regarding process.
7/16	p	1106 4 AVE S	Charlie owner	781	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
7/19	p	1874 65 AVE S	owner	779	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
7/27	p	1922 57 AVE S	owner	791	AE 907.1'	0.2	MI1,2,4,6	n	y	Flood Insurance required
8/23	p	7021 Golden Valley	per buyer	783	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance required, dicussed
9/7	p/e	2508 Northland DR S	Michaela-per buyer	579	AE 892.2'	1.7	MI1,4,6	n	y	Flood Insurance required, dicussed, refer-2Bldg Insp
9/3		1438 14 1/2 St S	Elane - 701-235-0816	781	x	N/A		n	y	in or our / cost of flood ins (optional)
9/8	s/z	1850 34 St S	Jack - 701-320-1975							Offered suggestions on drainage issues - KJM
9/14	s/z	1407 Oak Manor Ave S	Brad - 701-238-0344							Offered suggestions on drainage issues - KJM
9/20	p	3677 River Drive South	Dave Baum - owner	783	x	N/A	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance recommended
9/21	p	3614 22 St S	Lyn Carlson - owner	779	AE - 905.3	0.2	MI1	n	y	Flood Insurance required, dicussed



## **MCM 4 – Construction Site Program**

The construction program's goal is to reduce pollutant discharge due to construction/development activity. Our program is administered principally by the Fargo Storm Sewer Utility Department (SSU) under the authority of the Fargo City Engineer and the Stormwater Ordinance. The Engineering Department contributes significantly to the program with site plan review for both public and private commercial development and has overall responsibility for public sector construction.

Below is a description of the program's basic functions and methods of operation. Located at the end of this section are support documentation examples, evaluation and future consideration.

### **ESC Permitting System**

All new building sites and land disturbing activities that have a potential to discharge sediment off a site are now automatically issued an **Erosion and Sediment Control Permit** (ESC Permit) (37.0301). This process now begins at the inspections department when applying for a building permit. The purpose of the permit is to provide site identification, point of contact information and a formal record. The official "tracking" system (LAMA) is maintained daily by SSU staff. This system has archive capability with a search-by address/document number function; it covers both commercial and residential construction sites.

### **ESC Permit**

Commercial permitted sites must also undergo the engineering department's site plan review process which contains a stormwater review element.



Homebuilders (residential) of one and two unit buildings are permitted but subscribe to the department's **Stormwater Guide** verses site plan submittal for commercial sites (37.0102). These construction sites are patrolled on a regular basis as determined by the stormwater inspector for site conforming conditions. Discrepancy observation can be resolved with personnel on site or through the notice of violation procedure. (See patrol & enforcement)

### **Site plan review (submittal) “One and two residential buildings are exempt”**

A construction site plan is required for development under Chapter 37. The ESC Permit application requires operators of commercial sites to submit a site plan (SWPPP) with all related BMPs and water quality & retention addressed including type and location on the site. The site plan review requirement is part of the Land Development Code (LDC) and includes identification of permanent stormwater BMPs. Engineering evaluates all infrastructure connections and conflicting site conditions. Non-conforming scenarios notated and the plan returned for correction. This practice called “site plan review” ensures compliance with the LDC, stormwater requirements of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality NDPDES construction permit (NDR10-0000), MS4 discharge permits and the City of Fargo Stormwater Ordinance.

Additionally, SSU staff reviews plan sheets prior to issuance of an ESC Permit. This review concentrates on the plan’s **temporary physical placement** of BMPs including:

- **Conforming inlet protection**
- **Dewatering**
- **Perimeter control**
- **Stockpile locations**
- **Tracking management (egress/ingress)**
- **Unique BMP proposals**
- **Concrete and similar washout treatments (grindings and mortar)**

### **Commercial Compliance Inspection**

Commercial sites undergo a SSU staff evaluation (on a percentage or complaint basis) once construction gets underway. Here the inspector compares the plan with the site condition and converses with the superintendent about any particular nuances associated with the site. The discussion also elaborates the need to document BMP site changes on the SWPPP.

## Patrol and Enforcement

SSU staff uses the permit system for permit verification, developing compliance patrol routes and overall enforcement composition. Construction sites, patrolled on a rotating daily basis may be addressed via personal interaction with a site operator, phone call or issuance of a Notice of Violation (NOV)/Order to Correct. Infractions have a 48-hour correction period with the exception of a live discharge, which requires immediate response. Each site must conform to the criteria of the Stormwater Ordinance for construction site **condition/pollutants**: (refer to the statistical section of this MCM for annual and historical data).

- **BMPs**
- **ESC Permit**
- **Entrance**
- **Grass buffer**
- **Inlet protection**
- **Illegal Discharge (Illicit)**
- **Street tracking**
- **Other**



## Citizen Contact, Complaints and Contributions Log

Public contact is logged at several interface portals including: Fargo One, City Email Accounts, Facebook and Twitter which are each directed to appropriate departments. The digital media has its own historical tracking element and SSU maintains records in the department database. Public input is evaluated and topics of merit are communicated back to the site operator via comment or official infraction notice.

## Written Procedures

The SSU department has established written procedures for site inspections, issuance of Notice of Violation (enforcement), site plan review and response to public input. Please Refer to the supporting documentation at the end of this segment.

## Stabilization Requirements

The requirement for construction stabilization is established by definition in the Stormwater Ordinance. Examples of the stabilization requirement are cited below. Please refer to the actual ordinance for more information.

- "**Temporary protection**" means short-term methods employed to prevent erosion. Examples of such protection are straw, mulch, erosion control blankets, wood chips, and erosion netting. 37.10203.50
- "**Stabilize**" means the exposed ground surface has been covered by appropriate materials such as mulch, staked sod, riprap, wood fiber blanket, or other material that prevents erosion from occurring. Grass seeding alone is not stabilization. 37.0102.39
- "**Stabilized**" means the exposed ground surface after it has been covered by sod, erosion control blanket, riprap, pavement or other material that prevents erosion. Simply sowing grass seed is not considered stabilization. Ground surfaces may be temporarily or permanently stabilized (also see Final Stabilization).
- "**Erosion control**" means methods employed to prevent erosion. Examples include soil stabilization practices, horizontal slope grading, temporary or permanent cover, and construction phasing.
- "**Sediment control**" means the methods employed to prevent sediment from leaving the development site. Examples of sediment control practices include, but are not limited to silt fences, sediment traps, earth dikes, drainage swales, check dams, sub-surface drains, pipe slope drains, storm drain inlet protection and temporary or permanent sediment basins. 37.0102.37
- "**Final stabilization**" means that disturbing activities at the site have been completed and a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70 percent of the native cover for unimproved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) have been employed. 37.10203.40

## CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

The City of Fargo Stormwater Program partners with Fargo-Moorhead Homebuilders Association to develop rules, policy guidance and training. The association is comprised of commercial/residential builders, material, service suppliers and related businesses (developers, realtors, etc.) SSU staff regularly contributes to the partnership with newsletter articles, presentations or submissions of new technology.

SSU also communicates directly with contractors via digital [email](#) links. Reminders, requirements and changes are communicated to an ever-changing roster of contractors. Email lists are compiled from the permit contact database to ensure effective information dissemination.

[Fact sheets](#) are used to convey stormwater messaging to ancillary business such as lawn care, delivery firms, etc. The information presented may be specific or broad based, depending on the target audience.

Finally, staff conducts [specialty education presentations](#) upon request. Including preparatory and secondary classroom lectures, PowerPoint presentation and informational outreach.

See all the construction education related programming under MCM 1 & 2.

### Cooperating Partners

The program also works via a cooperative agreement with NDSU (another MS4) for their construction erosion and sediment control permitting and enforcement programming. SSU staff verifies necessary permitting and enforces the same stormwater regulations on campus and throughout the entire city. Public Works monitors interface connections and maintenance issues between the two systems.



### Statistical Data

A statistical dataset is maintained on the construction program. This report provides annual and previous years' data for trend analysis and program performance. A current copy of the report is included at the end of this segment.

### MCM 4 Future Goals

SSU Staff provided Fargo's fourth annual spring stormwater conference for construction in 2020. The conference was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid-19. The goal in 2022, as allowable due to the pandemic, is to continue to attract more interest from the private sector for this as an annual event in an effort to educate local builders and contractors right around the startup of a new construction season.



## Construction Permit & Violation Report 2021

Fargo's NPDES construction site pollution control program (MCM 4) addresses potential pollution discharging from a construction or disturbed land site and has been in existence since 2006. The program concentrates on discharges due to water runoff, wind or vehicle tracking. Sediment, garbage, washout areas, dewatering, stockpiles and access are controlled. This year's annual report provides feedback on the effectiveness of our control measures.

### PERMITS

In 2021 permits decreased slightly. The Covid-19 pandemic did not seem to have an effect on the construction industry for both commercial and residential building. 2021 experienced much dryer conditions during the construction season due to the drought. Storm Sewer Utility Staff still conducted routine weekly inspections of construction sites with a reduced number of vehicle track out infractions citywide. Many infractions were addressed by phone for efficiency. BMPs still remain the largest infraction - see the violations section.

The new automated permitting system (LAMA) implemented in August 2019 has been a success. This new system triggers an Erosion & Sediment Control permit at the inspections department during the approval process for a building permit. The new system is still evolving as we learn more tips and tools but allows SSU personnel to track and manage our construction site runoff program with ease.

Revenue generated from permit and associated fees remains but a small percentage of the program's total operating cost.

Permits	Issued	\$ Revenue	Violations	\$ Fees	Violations to Permits	Specific Infraction	Inspectors	\$ Total Revenue
2021	385	\$7,700	159	\$120	41%	203	KJM/WJM	\$7,820
2020	403	\$8,060	126	\$120	31%	181	KJM	\$8,180
2019	305	\$6,100	266	\$1,140	87%	337	KJM/SO	\$7,240
2018	389	\$8,894	246	\$1,140	63%	323	KJM/DN	\$10,034
2017	424	\$9,345	263	\$840	62%	313	KJM/BN	\$10,185
2016	510	\$11,717	278	\$540	55%	367	KJM/JCL	\$12,257
2015	496	\$11,282	478	\$2,640	96%	691	JP/TS/KM	\$13,922
2014	434	\$10,162	428	\$3,240	99%	765	Josh P	\$13,402
2013	585	\$13,393	243	\$1,740	42%	455	Josh P	\$15,133
2012	458	\$11,648	307	\$1,740	67%	563	Josh P	\$13,388
2011	395	\$8,936	190	\$572	48%	408	Josh/Mark	\$9,508
2010	362	\$7,917	229	\$390	63%	463	Joe	\$8,307
2009	362	\$7,496	295	\$300	81%	477	Craig	\$7,796
2008	428	\$10,785	304	\$3,240	71%	575	Mike	\$14,025
2007	489	\$11,636	331	\$2,880	68%	1,166	John	\$14,516
2006	367	\$7,460	36	-	10%	36	Steve	\$7,460
2005	0	\$0	0	-	0	0	0	-



## Violations

Violations during 2021 increased slightly but remained lower because of drought conditions although Storm Sewer Utility staff conducted a much higher number of commercial site inspections to reach all active permitted sites throughout the construction season. BMP as an infraction annually tops the list of infractions because it is a more ambiguous (catch-all) term. All infractions not specifically denoted independently are grouped into BMP.

There are several facets to the tracking issue including material delivery, staff (parking & tool off-load), construction equipment, etc. Compounding these elements is the ever shrinking lot sizes which muddles traditional construction practices (maneuverability).

## Violations

Year	NOVs Issued	Grass BMP	Illegal Buffer	Illegal Entrance	Illegal Discharge	Inlet Protection	Permit	Tracking	Total
2021	159	89	2	25	6	10	0	65	203
2020	126	82	6	30	1	4	0	51	181
2019	266	213	10	47	2	17	9	34	337
2018	246	84	4	77	3	35	35	68	323
2017	263	131	32	19	4	20	19	83	313
2016	278	124	6	47	4	23	13	120	367
2015	478	330	2	62	2	27	47	175	691
2014	428	233	2	67	4	74	37	188	765
2013	243	123	24	76	14	22	67	71	455
2012	307	155	14	155	7	34	119	50	563
2011	190	110	11	51	2	32	44	125	408
2010	229	175	18	66	3	35	56	76	463
2009	295	175	16	93	2	43	38	64	477
2008	304	197	8	130	16	34	44	121	575
2007	351	291	152	340	8	38	178	65	1166
2006	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Profiling

Contractor	Permits	Violations	Leading Infractions	% violations to permit
Jordahl Custom Homes	88	29		33.0%
Thomsen Homes	67	23	BMP maintenance	34.3%
Brookstone Properties	31	13	Street Tracking	41.9%
Designer Homes	19	2	Illegal Entrance	10.5%
Eid-Co Buildings	13	9		69.2%
Heritage Homes	12	2		16.7%
Adams Development	9	2		22.2%
Dabbert Custom Homes	9	3		33.3%
Titan Homes	8	1		12.5%
	256	84		
Top 9 permit holders account for	67% of permits and 53% of all violations			

**City of Fargo**

Monthly Permit List Report

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Month/Year: 2021



Permit Number	Address	Contractors	Date Issued	Total Fees	Units	Description	Parcel Number
2101-0364-ESC	3065 Prairie Farms Cir S	Designer Homes of Fargo Moorhead LLC	1/15/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8549-00490-000
2101-0421-ESC	6755 16 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	1/19/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-01240-000
2101-0422-ESC	3670 Merrifield Dr S	Thomsen Homes LLC	1/19/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8744-00250-000
2101-0432-ESC	1938 62 Ave S	Eid-Co Buildings, Inc.	1/19/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8753-00140-000
2101-0436-ESC	1962 62 Ave S	Eid-Co Buildings, Inc.	1/19/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8753-00130-000
2101-0450-ESC	1978 62 Ave S	Eid-Co Buildings, Inc.	1/20/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8753-00120-000
2101-0476-ESC	2936 Prairie Farms Cir S	Designer Homes of Fargo Moorhead LLC	1/20/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8549-00040-000
2101-0629-ESC	3213 Archer Pl S	Dave Meyer Construction	1/25/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8739-00260-000
2101-0649-ESC	6012 31 St S	Designer Homes of Fargo Moorhead LLC	1/26/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8549-00310-000
2101-0687-ESC	4888 39 St S	Heritage Homes LLC	1/27/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8517-00270-000
2101-0725-ESC	1550 67 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	1/29/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-02180-000
2101-0726-ESC	1559 67 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	1/29/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-01380-000
2102-0015-ESC	3635 49 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/1/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8744-00790-000
2102-0202-ESC	1520 67 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/5/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-02140-000
2102-0203-ESC	6767 16 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/5/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-01230-000
2102-0150-ESC	4207 13 Ave S	Project Builders, Inc	2/8/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC Permit	01-3600-00241-000
2102-0255-ESC	3651 49 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/9/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8744-00770-000
2102-0267-ESC	1521 67 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/9/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-01420-000
2102-0313-ESC	6766 21 St S	Designer Homes of Fargo Moorhead LLC	2/11/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8510-01120-000
2102-0383-ESC	3161 43 St S	Enclave Construction	2/16/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC Permit	01-8716-00100-000
2102-0470-ESC	1850 65 Ave S	Designer Homes of Fargo Moorhead LLC	2/18/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8510-00150-000
2102-0562-ESC	3554 Grandwood Dr N	Heritage Homes LLC	2/22/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8554-00660-000
2102-0564-ESC	3381 47 Ave S	Heritage Homes LLC	2/22/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8536-00110-000
2102-0642-ESC	7265 27 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/24/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8725-00670-000
2102-0643-ESC	1538 67 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/24/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-02160-000
2102-0644-ESC	1515 67 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/24/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-01430-000
2102-0695-ESC	7244 28 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/26/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8725-00580-000
2102-0698-ESC	3609 49 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/26/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8744-00820-000
2102-0700-ESC	3654 Merrifield Dr S	Thomsen Homes LLC	2/26/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8744-00220-000
2103-0037-ESC	1574 68 Ave S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/2/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-02470-000
2103-0195-ESC	7294 27 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/5/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8725-00700-000
2103-0236-ESC	7248 27 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/9/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8725-00740-000
2103-0326-ESC	7262 28 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/11/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8725-00560-000
2103-0329-ESC	3703 Merrifield Dr S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/11/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8744-00350-000
2103-0332-ESC	6709 16 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/11/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8659-01280-000
2103-0298-ESC	3240 Veterans Blvd S	Christianson Companies	3/11/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC	01-8765-00200-000
2103-0357-ESC	7237 27 St S	Thomsen Homes LLC	3/11/2021	\$ 20.00	0	ESC for new home.	01-8725-00640-000

MCM 5  
Post Construction Program



## **MCM 5 – Post-Construction Stormwater Management**

The City of Fargo has developed, implemented, and enforces a post-construction pollution reduction program for new and redevelopment projects within its jurisdiction. This includes projects that disturb one or more acres and smaller projects that are part of a larger common plan of development. These “specific requirements” meet or exceed state mandated levels outlined in Appendix 1 of the North Dakota MS4 Permit - NDR04.

### **Chapter 37 Stormwater Management** (regulatory method)

The Stormwater Ordinance establishes criteria for the post-construction stormwater program. Our program sets specific control requirements for the runoff rate and water quality treatment per site, for all development projects including those less than one acre.

#### **Program Outline**

- Storm Policy sets specific stormwater guidelines and has computation tables
- Construction/development applications must submit site plans for review/approval with stormwater features: locations, volume and runoff calculations, BMP and maintenance issues.
- Projects areas are evaluated on a per site basis under the site plan review process (see below).
- All previously undeveloped properties and subdivisions are required to provide a Storm Water Management Plan (plan) for the subject area.
- Submission and approval of the plan is required prior to plat approval.
- Failure to comply with the requirements of a site plan review results in a no build situation.

#### **Site Plan Review Process**

During the site plan review process, (a requirement set forth in the Land Development Code (LDC)) engineering evaluates all infrastructure connections and conflicting site conditions, including permanent stormwater BMPs. Non-conforming scenarios are notated and the plan returned for correction. This practice called “site plan review” ensures compliance with the LDC, stormwater requirements of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality NDPDES construction permit (NDR10-0000) and MS4 discharge permits and the City of Fargo Stormwater Ordinance.

This process verifies the post construction aspect for permanent stormwater treatment. Each site plan submittal is reviewed via a check-off list for conforming release rates, detention volumes, pipe sizing, etc. Permanent detention features allow options to applicants regarding detention by providing large-scale (regional) retention. A Stormwater Management Report prepared by a Professional Engineer registered in the state of North Dakota, indicating compliance with the discharge rate is required for all developments. Detention/retention volume requirements will be established by the discharge limitation.

## **General Storm Water Requirements**

### **Authority and Purpose**

The City of Fargo operates a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) under authority of the North Dakota Department of Health Permit NDR04-0000 (Discharge Permit), and City of Fargo Code of Ordinances, Chapters 17 and 37. In compliance with this authority, Fargo has developed this Storm Water Policy (storm water policy). This policy establishes standards for storm water discharges and quality treatment for all development within City of Fargo jurisdiction.

### **Intent of the Policy**

The intent of this policy is to provide guidance to those persons working with the City of Fargo **Storm Water Management Ordinance** and to establish uniform, simplified standards that work within the framework of the City's storm water infrastructure.

### **Target Audience**

This policy is applicable to all development (ref Code of Ordinances, Chapter 37, Paragraph 37-0102 7.) falling under the jurisdiction of the City of Fargo.

### **Storm Water Management Plan**

All previously undeveloped properties and subdivisions, re-plats of existing properties for purposes of development, or re-development of existing developed or un-developed lots one (1) acre in size or larger or part of a larger common development that is one (1) acre in size or larger shall provide a Storm Water Management Plan (plan) for the subject area. Submission and approval of the plan is required prior to plat approval. Plan requirements are discussed in **Appendix A**.

### **Storm Water Discharge Requirement/Limit**

The maximum storm water discharge rate shall be as defined in **Appendix C** and shall apply to the following categories:

1. Newly Platted Ag Conversion that is (1) one acre in size or larger or is part of a common development 1 acre in size or larger
2. Re-plat of current parcel that is part of a common development that is (1) one acre in size or larger
3. Re-development of existing parcel that is part of a common development that is 1 acre in size or larger

## **Storm Water Management Plan**

A Storm Water Management Plan, prepared by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of North Dakota, indicating compliance with the discharge rate and laying out in schematic form the storm sewer on site systems is required for all developments. Detention/retention volume requirements will be established by the discharge limitation and the water quality requirements.

## **Water Quality Treatment**

Water quality treatment is required for all new developments or re-plats one (1) acre in size or larger, common developments collectively one acre or larger, and on existing parking lots receiving full re-construction (category 2 & 3 parking lot section above) that are (1) one acre in size or larger or part of a larger common development. Requirements are specified in **Appendix D**.

## **Storm Water Detention, Retention, and Discharge Pond Design**

**Appendix E** outlines the requirements for storm water pond design.

## **Requirements within Special Zones**

**Appendix F** outlines the design parameters and coverage area for special zone areas that have been developed into regional drainage areas.

**Appendix G** outlines the design parameters for areas of the Downtown Mixed Use properties (DMU)



## APPENDIX A:

### STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. All newly platted Ag Conversion properties, new lot Subdivisions within a larger common development, and infill projects within a larger platted development equal to or greater than 1.0 acre in size are required to have a storm water management plan that includes those Best Management Practices (BMPs) required for the Addition or Subdivision to meet storm water quality and quantity requirements. Approval of the regional storm water management plan is considered part of the plat approval process.
2. Previously platted lots less than one acre, that are part of a larger common development, will be required to have a storm water management plan when the lot is developed. This storm water management plan shall analyze the impact the addition of this newly improved lot will have on the overall storm water features of the common development. As a minimum, these lots shall drain to a common inlet that is connected to the City storm water system, while meeting the allowable release rate and water quality requirements.
3. Article 37-0201 of the City of Fargo Code of Ordinances states: “An owner must submit to the City Engineer a plan for storm water management and control including detention and retention facilities. The plan shall be submitted, and approval obtained from the City Engineer prior to the owner (a) obtaining approval of an application for a plat, pursuant to Section 20-0907 of the Land Development Code of the City, or (b) engaging in any land disturbing activity.

The plan may include “in the discretion of the City Engineer, arrangements for further planning and implementation of permanent facilities for storm water management and control by subsequent owners of the property being platted or by the current owner at a later time.” Delay in producing the storm water plan will be considered when extenuating circumstances dictate but will generally not be allowed.

4. The storm water management plan, at a minimum, shall consist of:
  - (1) A Storm Water Management Plan Report prepared using a “Storm Water Modeling System” that provides a modeling report similar in nature to “HydroCad”. The report shall document the assumptions, methodologies, and analysis used in arriving at the selected storm water management solution. The report must be “global” in that it looks at the entire area to be developed as well as any impacts to the site created by neighboring areas. The report shall be conceptual in nature and include (1) a narrative describing the existing site conditions, proposed site conditions, types and locations of storm water BMPs proposed to be used, as well as (2) the model calculations for the post-development 2, 10, and 100-year storm events as identified under the most current NOAA Atlas 14 release storm event for Fargo.

- (2) Conceptual plan drawings and topographic maps noting all items covered in the report.
  - (3) Conceptual Operations and Maintenance (O&M) plan for the system covering all requirements for keeping the system operating as planned.
  - (4) The above-noted items shall be stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of North Dakota.
5. A regional storm water plan can use any combinations of BMPs, selected by the owner and their engineer, enabling the property to meet the storm water quantity and quality requirements. The plan may utilize regional or “on-site” detention/retention and water quality facilities however, per the Fargo Comprehensive Plan; the City desires to see storm water facilities constructed as regional amenities whenever possible. If a regional facility is used, the pond shall be located to facilitate capture of as much site storm water as possible determined by the city engineer, prior to discharging into the City storm water system.
  6. The submitted conceptual storm water plan will be reviewed by the City’s Engineering Department. The Engineering Department will evaluate the storm water plan and communicate change requirements or recommendations to the owner and their engineer. Changes made to the storm water plan prior to plat approval will be considered part of the original plan. If the plan is very complex, it may be brought before the City Commission for discussion and/or public comment prior to approval.
  7. If a subdivided property is covered by a previously approved storm water plan, the previously approved plan shall be reviewed to determine if the subdivided property is still in compliance. A letter from a North Dakota Registered Professional Engineer can accomplish this with city engineer review and approval.
  8. The approved plan will exist for the life of the subject property including any changes approved by the City Engineering Department. The final approved plan will be included with the amenities plan.
  9. The plan may require dedication of storm water or access easements or additional right-of-way for the construction of storm water conveyance and/or storage facilities.
  10. The plan must ensure the subject area conforms to the site specific performance requirements noted in Appendices C and D of this policy.



## **APPENDIX B:**

### **EXISTING PARKING LOT STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS**

Current parking lots that have existing gravel surfacing, asphalt surfacing, concrete surfacing, or are being expanded shall comply with the requirements outlined in this Appendix and shall follow the following categories.

1. Application of these requirements and whether or not City Storm sewer is available within a reasonable distance of the site shall be as determined by the City Engineer.
2. Parking lots that expand over time beyond the original grandfathered project may add enough impervious surface thru surfacing or added buildings to trigger storm water requirements.
3. Existing Parking Lot maintenance or repairs that includes up to complete removal of asphalt or concrete surfacing, localized repair of gravel or subgrade, or surface treatments (spray coatings, chip/fog seals, crack sealing, striping) with no expansion of the current parking areas and result in no change in drainage will be exempt from the storm water requirements.
4. For existing parking lots that are (1) one acre to under (3) three acres and that involve full asphalt or concrete removal, or extensive gravel and subgrade modifications, or mill and overlays that result in modification of drainage patterns, the site shall be required to collect on-site storm water into inlets, add a water quality device, and convey storm water into the City storm water system. A pre versus post engineering drainage study shall be done. If the pre versus post flows are the same or less then no detention is required. If the pre versus post flows are larger then detention shall be required to mitigate the increase in flow only.
5. Existing parking lots (3) three acres or larger that involve full parking lot reconstruction (to include full pavement & base removal) shall be required to collect on-site storm water in inlets and convey storm water into the City storm water system and shall comply with storm water requirements contained in APPENDIX C & D for modeling, discharge rate control, and water quality for the existing parking lot being reconstructed and improved.
6. A pre-post storm water model shall be accomplished for any site, one acre or larger, on which a building addition/expansion is triggering expansion of the parking lot(s). If the post-construction model results in a greater 100-year storm discharge volume than the pre-construction model, discharge rate of the added volume shall meet City discharge rate requirements. If the new impervious area is over one acre, water quality requirements must also be met.

**APPENDIX C:**

**SITE DEVELOPMENT - STORM WATER DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The discharge rate for storm water discharging from any site, greater than 3 acres in size, into any drain system within City jurisdiction, shall be limited to 1 cfs/acre. For parcels between 1 and 3 acres the maximum discharge shall be per the following table:

<b>Parcel Size (Acres)</b>	<b>Release Rate (cfs)</b>
1.0	2.00
1.1	2.05
1.2	2.10
1.3	2.15
1.4	2.20
1.5	2.25
1.6	2.30
1.7	2.35
1.8	2.40
1.9	2.45
2.0	2.50
2.1	2.55
2.2	2.60
2.3	2.65
2.4	2.70
2.5	2.75
2.6	2.80
2.7	2.85
2.8	2.90
2.9	2.95
3.0	3.00

This table shall apply to all projects covered under this policy except existing parking lots, which are defined in Appendix B.

2. A storm water report, prepared using a “Storm Water Modeling Software” that provides a modeling report similar in nature to “HydroCad”, is required for all developments one acre in size or greater or if part of a larger common development that is 1 acre or larger. The report must include hydrographs depicting flows into and out of all detention/retention facilities and note all flows into the City storm sewer system. In addition to the report, all site plans for sites requiring storm water infrastructure must include:
  - a summary table of post-construction flows for the 2, 10, and 100 year storm, as identified under the most current NOAA Atlas 14 release storm event for Fargo
  - a detail drawing of the outlet structure indicating maximum water elevations for the 2, 10, and 100 year storms, and
  - a written description of the proposed water quality treatment method
3. All sites except existing parking lots (as described in Appendix B) are required to comply with the State Water Quality Design Considerations. Water Quality Design Consideration information is included as **Appendix D** to this policy.
4. The discharge rate noted above will drive detention requirements for a particular site. Dry or wet ponds, oversized pipe, underground storm water storage facilities, or other methods can be used to achieve required storage volumes.

If a “regional” detention system, as opposed to site-specific ponds, is chosen for the development area, all water shall be routed to the regional pond prior to discharge into the City system. The original, storm water conceptual plan (see Appendix A) must address the conveyance of storm water from all parcels in the development to the regional detention facility.

If the City of Fargo storm water utility system provides conveyance to the regional facility, the 1.0 CFS/acre criteria shall be used unless otherwise planned for - if the owner requires larger flows to the regional facility, this must be considered/negotiated during the development of the original regional storm water plan and the original amenities plan (such as parallel storm sewer lines or open channel flow to existing ponds).

5. Discharge or overland flow of storm water onto a neighboring property shall not be allowed unless included in the regional plan (see Appendix A) and facilitated through the designation of required easements, dedications, or other methods allowing such conveyance.
6. The State of North Dakota Water Quality standards will be met, the method of treatment shall be selected by the design engineer from the options presented in Appendix D (Water Quality Design Considerations)

7. Construction of “rain gardens”, “grassy swales”, and other methods of achieving water quality are encouraged and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
8. Criteria for construction of regional detention facilities is discussed in **Appendix E**.
9. Each plan set submittal requiring retention/detention shall include a storm system table identifying:
  - Lot size (acreage and square feet)
  - % impervious area
  - Required retention/detention volume (100 year storm event)
  - Supplied retention/detention volume (100 year storm event)
  - Water quality method being proposed including manufacturers data
  - Release rate allowable (cfs)
  - Release rate actual (cfs)

#### **APPENDIX D: MS4 REQUIREMENTS**

The following information is taken directly from page 21 of the current North Dakota NDR04-0000 MS4 Permit, dated April 1, 2021.

##### **Water Quality**

A water quality treatment system is required in developments as defined under Appendix C Storm Water Discharge Requirements. The system at a minimum must meet the standards specified below.

The post-construction controls for managing water quality for reducing pollutants carried in the first flush of storm water runoff are outlined below.

The design considerations for treating a water quality volume for common post-construction controls are as follows:

Control	Water Quality Design Consideration
Wet Detention Ponds	Water Quality Volume (Vwq) = <b>1800 cu-ft per impervious acre draining to the pond.</b> The drawdown time for the Vwq should be a minimum of 12 hours.
Dry Detention Ponds (w/Extended Detention)	Extended Detention / Water Quality Volume (Vwqed) = <b>1800 cu-ft per impervious acre draining to pond.</b> The drawdown time for the Vwqed should be a minimum of 24 hours and not more than 72 hours.
Infiltration	Water Quality Volume (Vwq) = 0.5 inches from impervious area. The volume captured in rain gardens, or passed through bio filters with under drains, would be grouped with infiltration for water quality treatment.
Flow-Through Treatment Devices	Size devices to treat the first 0.5 inches of runoff from impervious area.
Redevelopment / Retrofit	Incorporate water quality criteria by reducing impervious surface area and implementing controls to treat the first 0.5 inches of runoff from impervious areas.



The water quality criteria apply to on-site or regional systems for post-construction storm water management. The water quality considerations do not replace or substitute for water quantity or floodplain management for development. The water quality features may be incorporated into the design of structures for flow control; or water quality control may be achieved with separate features. Flow-Through Treatment devices such as “Defenders™” shall provide as a minimum 80 percent removal of sediment with a particle size distribution equivalent to the standard OK-110 at a feed concentration of 300 mg/L. The treatment device design shall include a bypass for storm flows above the ½” rain event from the impervious area being served.

If it is impractical to meet the water quality criteria, alternative practices may be used (e.g., grassed swales, smaller ponds, or grit chambers). If a combination of practices is used, the water quality volume is accounted for on a percentage basis. Low impact development and/or green infrastructure practices may be used as an alternative to post-construction controls.

The selection and design of post-construction controls must consider clogging or obstructions, freeze- thaw cycles, effects on slope stability and groundwater, and the ability to effectively maintain the control. Design post-construction controls for ease of inspection and maintenance access (e.g., a stabilized access that allows equipment to enter a pond).

Recommended resources for planning and designing controls for urban storm water runoff are found in the “North Dakota Storm Water Criteria Manual”  
<https://www.dot.nd.gov/manuals/design/designmanual/designmanual.htm>

The property owner is responsible to operate and maintain the water quality device in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations. The property owner shall maintain records of maintenance of the water quality device and shall prepare an annual inspection report. These records are to be maintained with the property owner and shall be made available to the City if requested.

## APPENDIX E:

### STORM WATER DETENTION, RETENTION, AND DISCHARGE POND DESIGN

The following information shall apply to Standard Regional Pond Design. The City may take ownership of a storm water pond that is designed according to the following criteria.

#### Design Requirements:

- Pond design shall be in conformance with the Current NDPDES permit.
- Minimum pond design shall be a 100-year rain event based upon the current NOAA Atlas 14 published data for Fargo and shall include one (1) foot free board. All design modeling shall be done using HydroCad or equal commercially available modeling software. The proposer shall provide to the City a hardcopy Drainage Report signed by a ND Professional Engineer and shall provide an electronic copy of the complete design drainage model.
- Drainage and pond modeling shall include 2 year, 10 year, and 100 year 24 hour rainfall events as part of the analysis model.
- To qualify as a “Regional Pond” for purposes of City ownership and maintenance the minimum pond size for a **“Dry Pond” shall be 7.5 acre-feet** with a minimum bottom width of 100’ and the minimum pond size for a **“Wet Pond” shall be 15 acre-feet** with an average bottom width of 100’. However, the City will review on a case-by-case basis whether a pond qualifies as a “Regional Pond” for purposes of City maintenance if its size is smaller than the minimum size identified.
- Pond design shall include 15 feet minimum of level ground from the top of back slope of the pond to the property line.
- Dry Pond-slopes shall be 5:1 or flatter up to 15 foot of vertical depth, 6:1 or flatter if 15 foot of vertical depth or greater, 1.5% grade in pond bottom to low flow channel and 0.4% grade from pond inlet to pond outlet with channel liner and 1% grade from pond inlet to pond outlet without channel liner. Dry ponds do not require a safety bench and slope protection armoring if less than or equal to 10 feet deep. Dry ponds do require a safety bench and slope protection armoring if greater than 10 feet deep. Dry ponds do require a sloped pond bottom and an underdrain system sufficient to maintain a “dry” state.
- Wet Pond-slopes shall be 6:1 or flatter up to 15 foot depth. If the designer wishes, the pond to be deeper than 15 foot a geotechnical evaluation of the pond slope stability is required. If the pond backs up to residential homes or legal drains, a geotechnical evaluation of the pond slope stability is also required. The pond shall be designed with

safety features such as edge plantings to deter entrance to ponds and a safety ledge or bench at pond perimeter 1 foot to 2 foot below normal water level and extend out 10 feet before continuing on slope.

- Slope protection on wet ponds shall be installed to one foot below safety bench or 1 foot above and 1 foot below normal water level whichever is greater. The slope protection shall be riprap or turf reinforcement with seeding. The remainder of exposed slopes shall be turf reinforcement and seeded. Rip Rap shall meet City of Fargo standards and NDDOT standards.
- No fountains or bubblers shall be allowed within City owned regional wet ponds. All pond aesthetic features such as shape, side slopes, and vegetation that are proposed shall be identified on the plans and match the land area requirements identified in the Zoning Ordinance and project development master plan.
- A City owned “Regional Pond” should have sufficient right of way access for routine and special maintenance as determined by the City Engineer.
- The pond drawdown time criteria is outlined in Appendix D.
- The pond design shall include a control outlet structure with emergency over flow design. The over flow structure shall include provisions to prevent overflows from affecting adjoining properties. The out flow and over flow structure shall be designed to prevent plugging, be easily accessible to maintenance personnel, and shall require minimal maintenance. Maximum out flow to a City storm sewer shall be as defined in Appendix C. The release rate may be less depending on meeting water quality standards as defined in Appendix D. However, the minimum outlet orifice size shall be 3 inches and shall have a screen ahead of the orifice to prevent plugging.
- For ponds to be accepted by the City for maintenance and operation as a “Regional Pond” the features in general shall not result in unusual and/or costly future operation and maintenance as determined by the City Engineer. Bridges and box culverts if required shall meet the design criteria of the regulating authority and shall meet State and Federal safety standards.
- Ditches, swales, and channels may be designed for a variety of capacities depending on the protection required. When ditches serve as a primary water surface collector in the upper part of a drainage basin, they shall be designed per NDCC 89-14-01 except that as a minimum, shall convey the 10-year storm event without ponding in the roadway or adjacent private property. The City Engineer will ultimately decide if ditches, swales, or channels are allowed in lieu of conventional underground piping.



- The City of Fargo Storm Water Service Charge policy identifies credits that may be achieved through building of detention or retention ponds larger than as determined by this policy. Developers and designers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the current Storm Water “Determination and Review Policy” for storm water fees.
- The minimum orifice size shall be 4 inches due to the likelihood of clogging. The engineer shall also look at the addition of a trash rack or other shield or guard installed within the control structure to aid in operation and maintenance.
- The following details shall provide minimum standards for pond design.

## **APPENDIX F:**

### **Special Zones**

#### **1. Southwest Metro Storm Water Design Parameters and Pond Coverage**

The following information shall apply to the coverage area for the new southwest Metro Storm Water Pond. Properties that develop in the area shown will have regional storm water detention and storm water quality coverage managed by the City of Fargo. Maps of the drainage boundaries and conceptual design are found in this Appendix. Fargo is moving forward in 2021 to construct the Lift Station and the first phase of the Southwest Metro Storm Water Pond. Drainage ditches and storm sewer piping within public right of ways and easements will be installed as properties and streets develop. Interim measures may be necessary to be constructed, while the larger system is being fully designed and developed due to proposed improvement parcel’s location and distance from current completed conveyance system components. This storm water master planning will allow properties within the area outlined, to build without requirements for meeting discharge and water quality requirements outlined in this Design Policy. However, developing properties will need to be aware that the City of Fargo designs their street storm sewers for a 2-year rainfall event on local streets and 5-year rainfall event on arterial streets and developing properties shall design their sites to account for the limited street conveyance of storm water if not directly discharging to the conveyance ditch system or the pond.

## Southwest Regional Pond



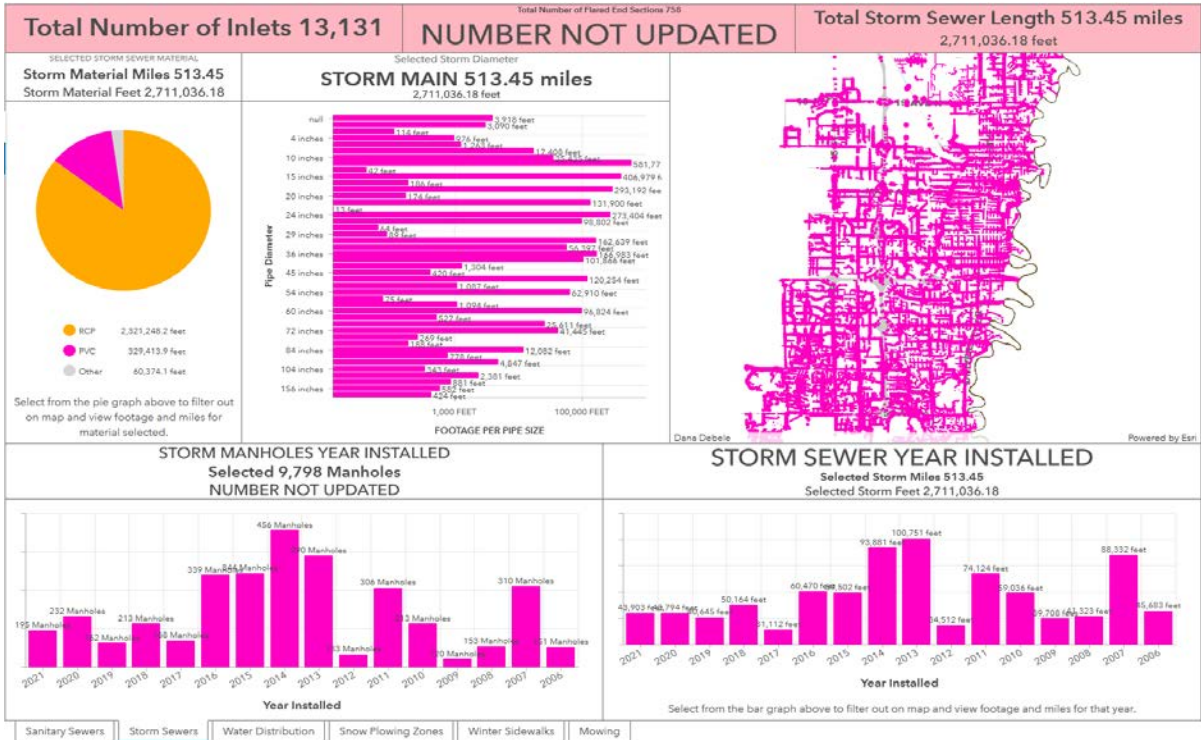
### 2. Downtown Mixed Use Zoning (DMU) Requirements

A modification to the storm water retention policy for the existing areas classified as within the downtown mixed use zoning district as of July 27, 2015 and approved by City Commission, this policy is as follows: Any development on a parcel one acre in size or larger within the DMU shall be allowed a maximum storm water runoff rate that is not greater than the existing conditions runoff rate from the parcel for the 2, 10 & 100 year, 24 hour synthetic rainfall events. No storm water retention will be required on the parcel unless necessary to maintain the runoff rate below the existing (pre-development) runoff rate. Lots under 1 acre are exempt from the retention requirements.

This change in policy does not affect the North Dakota Department of Health's water quality requirements. All development of any parcels within the DMU would still be required to follow, as applicable, these water quality requirements set by the Department of Health.

For parcels completing a zoning change to DMU after the effective date of July 27, 2015, property improvements will meet all storm water retention standards per the policy.

# Summary of Storm Sewers in Use



**Fargo Storm Sewer System**

**Area = 50 square miles**

**Storm Lift Stations = 80**

**Storm  
Sewer**

Does the stormwater system connect to the City of Fargo system?  
If not tied into the City system, is proper documentation for not connecting indicated?  
Is the pipe the correct size and type?  
Is the pipe at the correct grade? Does it flow correctly?  
Are inlets and manholes appropriately located and spaced?  
Is Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) used under pavement in the City Right-of-Way?  
If boring under the street - may use C900 pipe with adequate depth.  
Are pond outlet structures located outside the 10' Utility easement?  
Is there a note stating to call the Inspections Dept. for an inspection of the connection to the City storm system?  
Ensure storm sewer does not conflict with other underground utilities.

Section 20-0608  
Spec Section 1500  
Spec Section 1500  
Spec Section 1500  
Submittal  
Submittal

**Grading**

Is there a Grading Plan?  
Does the grading plan clearly indicate (arrows and/or elevations) where all site storm water flows?  
Is there a 0.5 foot elevation difference between the sidewalk and curb?  
Is the elevation 15 feet from structures at BFE or above (check pond slopes)?  
Are maximum recommended pond slopes (4:1) exceeded?

Submittal  
Submittal  
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Submittal

**Storm  
water**

Are HydroCAD (or similar) stormwater model results for the 2 and 100 year storm events included in the submittal?  
Does the project involve over 1,000 SF of parking lot?  
Is the project part of a previously approved larger stormwater plan?  
Does site imperviousness meet the approved plan parameters?  
Is on-site storm water detention required?  
Do detention volumes and discharge rates meet requirements? Check min. 4" orifice  
Is there a 24 -72 hour drawdown period for the 2 year event? Or, is there a "Defender" device?

Submittal  
Submittal  
Submittal  
Submittal  
Detention Policy  
Detention Policy  
State water quality

**ESC/SWPPP**

Is there an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan?  
Does the Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) plan include all necessary ESC measures?  
Does the Erosion and Sediment Control plan include all the appropriate and necessary details?

Submittal  
Submittal  
Submittal

**Paving**

Is there a Paving Plan?  
Does the paving plan clearly indicate paving types and locations?  
Is street access appropriate for the pavement functional classification (arterial, collector, local)?  
Do driveway widths, placement (spacing), and thickness meet requirements?  
Do patches match existing pavement sections?

Submittal  
Submittal  
Section 20-0702  
Submittal

## Storm Water Data Report Form

Address:

1532 1st Avenue North

Project:

Booth Commercial Condos

Date:

5/18/2021

Brief Description of Work:

Construct 4 commercial condo buildings w/sitework

### Site Data

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>SF</u>		
Total Site Area:	2.30	100,188		
Total Impervious Area:	1.32	57,499	Percentage:	57.4 %
Total Pervious Area:	0.98	42,689	Percentage:	42.6 %

Allowed 100 Yr Discharge (CFS): 2.7

Actual 100 Yr Discharge (CFS): 2.4

Difference: 0.3 CFS

Required Storage (CF): 2,924

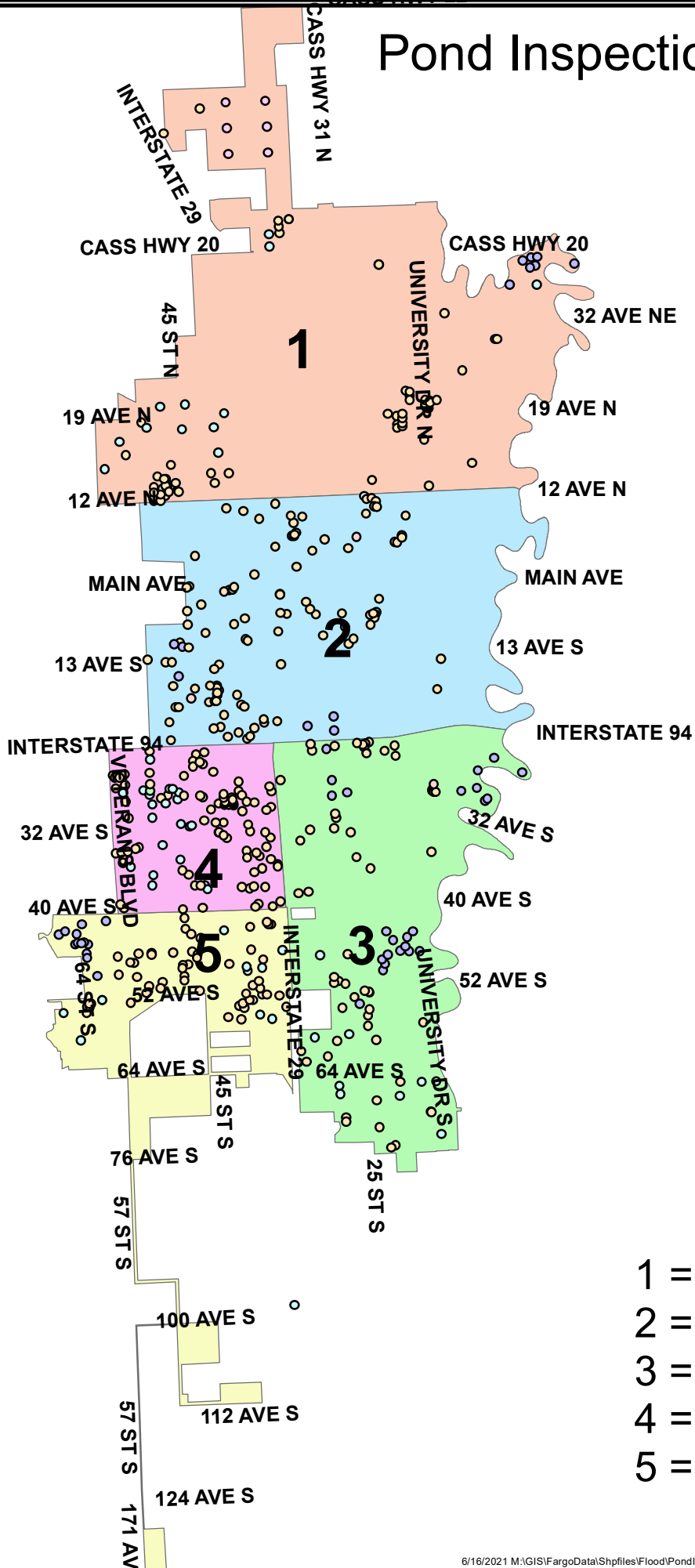
Actual Storage (CF): 5,123

Difference: 2,199 CF

### Notes:

1. "Required" storage is V required (per model) for the 100 year event. "Actual" storage is V provided at top of pond elevation.
2. Subject parcel is approximately 1.54 acres. Stormwater report covers 2.30 acre drainage area. Drainage area extends onto neighboring property (to the east) - which is owned by the same party as the subject parcel

# Pond Inspection Zones



1 = 88

2 = 111

3 = 91

4 = 119

5 = 80



# Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for Stormwater Pond Inspections

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## Procedure

At a minimum, 20% of all Stormwater ponds will be inspected each year on a rotating basis with all ponds inspected before the expiration of the NDR04-0000 MS4 Permit.

- Pond Inventory (January 2022)
  - City of Fargo – 59 ponds
  - Fargo Park District – 59 ponds
  - County Owned – 4 ponds
  - Privately owned – 353 ponds
- The Storm Sewer Utilities Engineer shall manage a list of City-owned/private ponds.
- GIS will be updated when new ponds are constructed or modified.

## Inspections

- Staff will visually inspect all of the ponds and end sections of the pipes draining into them at least once during a five year cycle of the NDR04-0000 MS4 Permit.
  - The goal is to inspect 20% of the drainage system each year.
  - All records shall be kept at T:\Engineering\StormMgmt\Stormwater Management\MS4 - Discharge Permit\PERMIT ADMIN\Pond Inspections

## Corrective Action

- Slope/Bank erosion
  - Depending on severity submit a work order to the Public Works Supervisor.
- Blocked or damaged infrastructure
  - Report to Public Works Supervisor with report for cleaning, repair or replacement needs as their schedule allows.



# Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for Water Quality Device

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## Procedure

Inspect all water quality devices and underground storage systems at least once every two years on a rotating basis in compliance with the NDR04-0000 MS4 Permit.

- Water Quality Device inventory (January 2022)
  - City of Fargo – 5 WQ devices
  - Privately owned – 103 WQ devices
- The Storm Sewer Utilities Engineer shall manage a list of City-owned/private Water Quality Devices.
- Records of newly added Water Quality Devices will be updated via spreadsheet when they are constructed or modified.

## Inspections

- Staff will visually inspect all Water Quality Devices at least once every two years on a rotating basis in compliance with the NDR04-0000 MS4 Permit.
  - The goal is to inspect 50% of structures each year
  - Inspections will consist of structural condition, inflow points, pollution capture functions, sediment levels
  - All records shall be kept at T:\Engineering\StormMgmt\Stormwater Management\MS4 - Discharge Permit\PERMIT ADMIN\Private\_WQ\_Maintenance

## Corrective Action

- Sediment Levels
  - Sediment levels will require cleaning/removal depending on the manufacturer's recommended O&M manual.
- Damaged infrastructure
  - Repair or replacement shall be required according to the manufacturer's recommended O&M manual.
  - All city owned water quality devices shall be maintained annually regardless of the manufacturer's recommended O&M manual





# Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for Private Storm Sewer

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## **Procedure**

All private connections to the city storm sewer system shall be inspected in accordance with section 1500 of City of Fargo Specifications.

- Contractor shall be required to call the City of Fargo Inspections Department to request an inspection prior to backfilling connection locations

## **Inspection**

- Connections will be inspected for proper installation
  - Care shall be taken that the connection between the manhole/inlet and the pipe is watertight
  - Inverts shall be smooth and continuous as it enters and exits the manhole/inlet
  - Mortar around the pipe connection shall be regular concrete (not grout) conforming to the requirements for sidewalks outlined in section 2300 of the City of Fargo standard specifications
  - The concrete below the spring line of the pipe at both the exterior and interior of the manhole/inlet shall be vibrated
  - The interior shall have a wood trowel finish
  - When non-RCP is used, a manhole connection adapter will be required to be installed to achieve a watertight condition – installation shall be per the pipe manufacturer recommendations

**Proprietary Device  
 Hydrodynamic or Oil/Water Separators  
 Inspections Checklist /Maintenance Report**

Unit Type / Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Model #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspected By (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item by Item Code Key:**

<b>FF</b>	<b>Fully Functional (No Repairs Needed or Maintenance Required) = Pass for Inspection</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Functional (No Repairs Needed but Minor Maintenance Required) = Pass for Inspection</b>
<b>PF</b>	<b>Partially Functional (Repairs Needed or Major Maintenance Required) = Fail the Inspection</b>
<b>NF</b>	<b>Not Functional (Repairs Required) = Fail the Inspection</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>Monitor (Implement schedule to Re-inspect to see if condition improves or worsens (provide schedule))</b>
<b>N/A</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>

**Inflow Points – Inspect where water / material enters the system (inlets/pond):**

Assessment	Code Status	Comments
Obstruction: vegetation/debris/sediment		
Structural Condition		
Other (Describe)		

**Separator Body – Inspect the Internal Components of the System:**

Assessment	Code Status	Comments
Access Hatch/Cover Condition		
Separator Structural Condition		
Central Shaft Condition		
Access Ladder/Steps Condition		
Water Level		
Other (Describe)		

**Note : All applicable OSHA rerquirements should be followed for any confined spaces**

**Pollution Capture Functions:**

Function	Design Cleaning Level (manufacturer)	Amount in System (measure = inches)	Maintenance Date	Comments/Notes
Oil Collection Level				
Sediment Level				
Trash Conditions				
Other (Describe)				

**Miscellaneous – Inspections:**

Assessment	Code Status	Comments
Trash/Debris Around Unit		
Site Access to Unit		
Hazardous Fumes/Odors		
Other (Describe)		

Attach photographs as documentation.

**Additional Comments:**

**Overall Assessment**

<input type="checkbox"/>	System OK	Continue Inspection and Maintenance Schedule
<input type="checkbox"/>	Perform Maintenance	Date Scheduled -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintenance Performed	Provide Information on Maintenance Performed -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule Next Inspection for -	Note Changes in Inspection Frequency -

I certify the inspections and required inspection/maintenance/cleaning has been performed for proper performance of the water quality device associated with the above referenced property.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Certifier) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Applicable:

Owner / Inspector / Maintenance Provider



## Public Works Maintenance Operations

All Public stormwater features are inspected on a rotational basis annually for function, maintenance or repair by the public works/engineering departments. Those inspections resulting in major repair are forwarded to the engineering department for evaluation. Ponds and basins are inspected during maintenance activities, lined channels are cleaned and inspected annually, outfalls (and lift stations) are inspected both fall and spring.

### Drain Cleaning



This department also conducts a street sweeping program on a continuous basis during non-winter months. Salt storage/fueling operations are covered and not exposed to precipitation. Salt application management continues to use technology to minimize usage. See specific MS4 requirement comments below.

### Training

Stormwater training is provided to appropriate city departments and their staff on a rotating basis. SSU curriculum compliments existing department training with a stormwater validation. Most departments have their own unique training for tasks on discipline specific topics that become uniformed operational standards. Recognize, respond and report are common themes in municipal operations. Remarkably, much of their "operational" training is stormwater connected. Some examples of the "common interface" are highlighted below along with SSU educational programming for the significant operational areas of the city.

*Conveying the notion "include sound stormwater practice" into  
Our everyday operations is beneficial to us all.*

### **Operations, IDDE Training and Awareness**

The stormwater "illicit discharge" is not a new concept to operations. Maintenance operations has traditionally focused on prevention and response to incidents that detract from facility design or function standards. Below are examples of operational scenarios that are also stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP).


- If a vehicle crashed into a drainage ditch, staff discovers it, communicates the incident to a supervisor and it gets removed (under an operational directive). Cleanup is a typical duty of operations, but it is also part of the stormwater concept of IDDE. Emphasizing the need to reduce the discharge of fluids and other contaminants from such situations personifies the stormwater educational goal.
- Non-conforming sewer connections, discharges, etc., discovery, awareness, and remediation is a routine operational task. Stormwater training merely serves as a reminder to continue good operational drill because it doubles as good stormwater practice.
- Material spills training in a department's safety protocol also has a direct correlation to stormwater. Protect the employee, pairs as a stormwater BMP by the training emphasis to follow manufacturer's instructions on the use of maintenance chemicals (mixing and application).

### **Mowing Operations**

Consider the practicality of mower discharges placed back onto the turf, an acknowledged stormwater BMP. Yet, operational execution validates that collecting, hauling and dumping the clippings imposes added work and cost which effectively eliminates the option from consideration. Following that same premise, discharging clippings into the gutter only to later retrieve the same clippings from a capacity diminished, conveyance features is illogical. Given the absoluteness of such a fact, stormwater training simply needs to accentuate a correlation.

## Snow Removal Operations

Snow removal occurs on a 24/7 basis following prescribed procedures and routes. Snow is hauled to an approved dump site citywide (Mapped). These snow dump sites all have adequate grass buffers that function as BMPs and are inspected twice each season (fall & spring). Department training on the most efficient routes, dumpsite perimeter control and area limits, the stormwater education aspect is also fulfilled.

 <b>Snow Dump Inspections 2021</b>						
Location	Date	Time	Stormwater Conveyance	Report of Findings (condition of site)	Action to be taken	Additional Comments
12 Ave/55 St N	4/19/2021	2:42 PM	City Storm Sewer System	Fair - Good	dry out clean debris	None
12 Ave/55 St N	10/19/2021	3:21 PM	City Storm Sewer System	Very Good	None	None
6251 36 St S	4/19/2021	3:09 PM	City Storm Sewer System	Very Good	None	Site is also stockpiling asphalt millings
6251 36 St S	10/19/2021	9:56 AM	City Storm Sewer System	Very Good	None	Asphalt millings stockpile. Clay stockpile to south is stabilized
3837 38 St S	4/21/2021	10:56 AM	City Storm Sewer System	Very Good	Needs to dry out and clean debris	One large snow pile
3837 38 St S	10/19/2021	3:00 PM	City Storm Sewer System	Very Good	None	Asphalt millings have been graded
3 Ave N & 45 St N	4/19/2021	2:47 PM	City Storm Sewer System	Very Good	Site needs to dry out and be cleaned of debris	None
3 Ave N & 45 St N	10/19/2021	3:14 PM	City Storm Sewer System	Very good	None	Asphalt millings have been added
450 34 St S	4/19/2021	2:56 PM	County Drain, Storm sewer system	Very Good	Still very wet. Needs to dry out and be cleaned of debris	None
450 34 St S	10/21/2021	3:01 PM	County Drain, Storm sewer system	Very Good	None	None

## Land Disturbing Activity

Land disturbing activity abides by Section 3300 of the City of Fargo Standard Specification criteria for stormwater management and erosion control.

SECTION 3300
<p><b>CITY OF FARGO SPECIFICATIONS</b>  <b>EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL</b></p>
<p><b>PART 1</b>  <b>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</b></p>
<p>The work to be completed under this section of the Specifications and the accompanying plans shall include all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to provide for Erosion and Sediment control on City</p>

## **Storm Sewer Conveyance Maintenance Operations**

Storm sewer maintenance continues perpetually on a rotational or as required basis. The supervisor schedules inspections and directs maintenance work orders. Public works maintenance platform includes inspection (camera), minor repairs, surface sweeping, pipe jetting, mowing, open channel sediment removal and prescribed lift station O & M work.

## **Roadway Maintenance Operations**

Roadway maintenance activities consist of a sweeping program and minor repairs (mill/seal, mud jacking, pothole, etc.)

## **Standard Operating Procedures, Guides and Policies (Written)**

See written procedure examples for maintenance at the end of this section.







# Sewer By-Pass Procedure

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Log discovery / notice and direct to appropriate department / staff

Receive work order assignment from dispatcher / supervisor.

Organize performance / safety equipment and deploy to field.

## Site Assessment

- Ensure personal safety
- Assess problem / scope of repair

## Notify affected departments / staff

- Environmental Health 476-6729
- Public Works 241-1453
- Stormwater 241-1545
- Wastewater Treatment Plant (immediately report any sanitary discharge) 241-1545
- Water Filtration Plant 241-1469

## Public Safety

- Take action to assure public safety / traffic control / Public Notice

## Perform Work

- Discharge to a like facility if possible
- Setup emergency pumping operation
- Take action to reduce downstream effect
- Document with photos, notes

## Post Action

- Log on location map / site & discharge point(s)
- Note suggestions for mitigation

Procedure implementation/revision date

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Supervisor

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# Mowing Maintenance

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Receive work order assignment from supervisor.

Organize performance / safety equipment, load maintenance materials and deploy.

Direct clipping discharges back onto lawn and away from storm water conveyances.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for all chemical use.

Record any required end of task reports.

Procedure date

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Supervisor

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# Outfall Inspection Procedure

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Receive work order assignment from supervisor.

Organize performance/safety equipment and deploy to field.

Perform inspections as directed by the supervisor / Outfall Inspection Form:

- Ensure personal safety
- Complete check-off list and/or comment on irregularities
- Maintain trash rack
- Take a minimum of one digital photo
- Observe up/down stream conditions
- Mark and cordon-off all confirmed or suspect pipe separation locations to a safe level
- Maintain wet well (clean, pump, etc.)
- If Illicit Discharge is observed, follow IDDE Procedure
- Submit completed forms to supervisor
- Maintenance required tracking sheet delivered to engineering for repairs

Trace-back (suspect flow, IDDE, aggregate materials, etc.,) as directed by supervisor

- Isolate location via ascending manhole inspection
- Use direct method (smoke, dye, etc.) to detect origination/source
- Contain, stop discharge and notify owner/occupant to attain conformance
- Obtain/restore compliance

Procedure implementation/revision date

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Supervisor

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# Park & Course Maintenance

Be aware of and minimize water runoff (discharge) into the storm sewer system. Use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent or minimize the identified pollutants (below) from entering the storm sewer system.

Stormwater Pollutants			
<i>As defined by City of Fargo Code of Ordinances Chapter 37-0102.33 (Stormwater Ordinance)</i>			
Group	Examples		
<b>Dumping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debris</li> <li>• Rocks</li> <li>• Metal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass Clippings</li> <li>• Earth Fill</li> <li>• Tree Branches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetative Materials</li> <li>• Concrete Chunks</li> <li>• Other Construction Materials</li> </ul>
<b>Disposal/Misuse</b>	<u>Chemicals:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fertilizers</li> <li>• Pesticides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herbicides</li> </ul>	<u>Petroleum Based Products:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasoline/Fuels</li> <li>• Solvents</li> <li>• Oil</li> <li>• Paints</li> </ul>
<b>Sediment</b>	<u>Migration To:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Streets</li> <li>• Stormwater Conveyance System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Properties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to Remove Sediment Tracked by Construction Traffic</li> </ul>

Receive work order assignment from supervisor.

Read and follow manufacturer's instructions on mixing and application for all fertilizer, herbicide and pesticide maintenance operations. Discuss any concerns with supervisor including post operation cleaning and container disposal.

Organize performance / safety equipment, load maintenance materials and deploy.

Record any required end of task reports.

Procedure date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_



# Roadway Maintenance Procedure

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Receive work order assignment from supervisor.

Organize performance / safety equipment, load maintenance materials and deploy.

Record any required end of task reports.

Procedure date

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Supervisor

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## DRAIN CLEANING 2021

<u>Drain Location</u>	<u>Date Cleaned</u>	<u>#of Loads</u>	<u>Total Weight in Ton's</u>
Drain #10	7/26/2021 - 7/30/2021	18	130.86
Drain #3	7/21/2021 - 7/23/2021	5	94.6
Drain #40	7/30/2021 - 8/16/2021	5	88.87
Osgood	7/14/2021	1	5
Amber Valley PKWY & 51st St S.	7/19/2021	1	3.5
Amber Valley PKWY & 55th St S.	8/19/2021	2	16.76
41st St & 30th Ave S. (SW & NE)	7/14/2021	1	2.7
23rd Ave & 26th St S.	7/14/2021	1	2.5
<b>North Oaks</b>	7/20/2021	1	2.9
Drain #27 (Ulteig ENG.)	7/12/2021 - 7/14/2021	10	70.76
34th St North OF 7th Ave N.	7/20/2021	1	7
Action 7th Ave & 36th St N.	7/19/2021	1	1.5
<b>Pepsi Drain</b>			
<b>48th St &amp; 15th Ave S. (Scheel's)</b>	7/20/2021	1	1
Aggregate Dr.	7/19/2021	1	3
Big Top Bingo Pond	7/19/2021	1	1.5
Luther Ford Holding Pond	7/14/2021	1	3
4495 53rd St S. West Side	7/14/2021	1	1
Drain #40 (Fisheye)	7/30/2021 - 8-2-2021	2	18.48
25th St S. 6700 BLK (East Side Davies)	7/14/2021	1	1
Roers Holding Pond	7/20/2021	1	3.25
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>
			<b>459.18</b>

small bucket

Location	Date	Inspector(s)	Separation Y/N	Trash Rack Y/N	Rip Rap Y/N	Comments / Condition of Trash Rack & Rip Rap	Picture #
901 41st Ave N						Under reconstruction	
31484 3702 10th St N	<del>31502</del> 6-22-21	Gahner Bryant	no	no	yes	Could use more Good shape	yes
37th Ave N & Broadway	"	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
Kandi Lane N & Broadway	" 31490	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
Trollwood	" 31492	"	no	no	yes	Bad shape Rip Rap sliding into river	yes
Edgewood Golf Course	" 31493	"	yes	no	no	3 sep. 1- 7 by 7 and 7 deep 2- 6 by 4 and 3 deep 3- 2 by 2 and 2 ft deep	yes
32nd Ave & Eagle St N	" 31494	"	yes	no	yes	sep 6ft by 4ft and 3ft deep	yes
29th Ave & North Oaks	" 31496	"	no	no	no	Good shape	yes
28th Ave N & Maple St	" 31495	"	no	yes	no	Good shape	yes
Lift # 73	" 31497	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
120-114 North Woodcrest Dr ?	" 31498	"	no	no	yes	Good shape	yes
North Woodcrest & Park Lane	" 31499	"	no	no	yes	Good shape	yes
204 South Woodcrest Dr N						Under reconstruction	
Behind VA Hospital	"	"				no sink holes	
Lift # 26 Woodland Dr N	6-23-21 31502	Gahner Bryant	yes	yes	yes	3ft by 2ft and 2ft deep	yes
15th Ave N & Elm St	" 31503	"	no	no	yes	Apron Cracked	yes
Elm St between 14th & 15th Ave N	" 31504	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes

Location	Date	Inspector(s)	Pipe			Comments / Condition of Trash Rack & Rip Rap	Picture #
			Separation Y/N	Trash Rack Y/N	Rip Rap Y/N		
14th Ave N & Elm St	6-23-21 31505	Gohner Bryant	no			Good shape	yes
11th Ave N & Elm St	" 31506	"	no	no	yes	Good shape	yes
North River Rd & 9th Ave N	" 31507	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
South Terrace & Ash St N						under reconstruction	
Storm Lift #23	" 31509	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
Main Ave & 2nd St N	" 31510	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
Lift Station # 18 2nd St N	" 31511	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
6th Ave & 3rd St S	" 31512	"	no	no	no	Good shape	yes
10th Ave & 4th St S	" 31513	"	no	no	no	Good shape	yes
12th Ave & 4th St S	" 31514	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
16th Ave & Lindenwood Dr S	" 31515	"	yes	no	yes	2 separations - pipe 6" apart big holes on both sides of pipe	yes
17th Ave & Lindenwood Dr S	" 31516	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
18th Ave & Lindenwood Dr S	" 31517	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes
21st Ave & 5th St S	6-24-21 31518	Gohner Bryant	yes	yes	yes	Separation 6ft by 4ft and 5ft deep	yes
26th Ave & South Country Club Dr	" 31519	"	yes	yes	no	separation 6ft by 3ft and 5ft deep	yes
501 Southwood Dr	31520	"	no	no	no	Good shape	yes
30th Ave & 11th St S	31521	"	no	yes	yes	Good shape	yes



