Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
John R. Kasich, Governor
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June 26, 2012

RE: LORAIN COUNTY
CITY OF ELYRIA
NOTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PROGRAM INSPECTION
3GQ00082*BG

John Schneider
Assistant City Engineer
City of Elyria
131 Court Street, Suite 303
Elyria, OH 44035

Dear Mr. Schneider:

This letter will serve as notice that Ohio EPA will be conducting an inspection of your community's Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). This inspection is being conducted to determine compliance with the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4s) #3GQ00082*BG.

Our inspection will focus on compliance with minimum control measures #4: Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control and #5: Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment. We will be using the audit guidance manual developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. We anticipate that the inspection can be conducted in approximately a day and a half; the interview portion and the field inspections will typically occur during the first full day, while the file review portion will typically occur the following half of a day. I have set aside the dates of **July 5th & 6th** or **July 11th and 12th** to conduct the inspection. **Please contact me upon receipt of this letter to let me know which of these dates will work best for you. The inspection does not necessarily have to occur on two consecutive days, although it is preferred.**

To streamline the inspection, please have the following resources ready and available on the date of the inspection:

- Sediment and Erosion Control Ordinance;
- Post-Construction Storm Water BMP Ordinance(s);
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other written agreement between you and a third party providing construction or post-construction plan reviews and site inspections, if applicable;
- Enforcement escalation plan or procedures for construction and post-construction issues;
- List of construction projects you are actively inspecting for BMP implementation under your construction site program;
- Inventory of post-construction BMPs;
- BMP guidance or technical document;
- Copy of standard conditions of approval for plan reviews - example of standard conditions applied to an approved project;
- Checklist used by plan reviewers for both construction and post-construction BMPs;
- Most recent training records for plan review and site inspection staff, including copies of any professional certifications related to storm water concerns;

- Construction project inspection checklist;
- Post-construction BMP inspection checklist to verify proper installation;
- Long-term maintenance inspection checklist for post-construction BMPs;
- Records from inspection tracking database or filing system;
- MS4-owned project storm water design standards and/or checklist, if different than standards applied to non-MS4-owned projects;
- Contract language for active public projects not developed or inspected in-house; and
- Training materials, brochures, and/or outreach materials on construction and post-construction BMPs;

Post-construction ordinances should include all sections of your code that require treatment of the Water Quality Volume (WQv) and any planning, zoning or building codes that lead to smarter storm water management, e.g., riparian and wetland setbacks, infiltration or runoff reduction requirements and codes that encourage the implementation of green infrastructure or low-impact development practices and support Ohio's Balanced Growth program. Please make summaries or copies of this information that Ohio EPA can take for our files.

The inspection will consist of an interview as well as a file review and a field review of two or three of your construction and post-construction projects. The file review will be conducted to verify documentation related to plan review and site inspection. You should be prepared to present records from any new development or redevelopment project that has commenced construction since April 21, 2003. During the field review, Ohio EPA will observe your inspectors conduct construction and post-construction inspections. Please have the appropriate persons available to answer the interview questions and to conduct site inspections. We anticipate that the interview can be completed in the morning and the field review in the afternoon of the first full day. Appropriate individuals include, but are not limited to, the Storm Water Program Manager, the department or agency responsible for plan review of construction and post-construction sites, the department or agency responsible for construction and post-construction site inspections, and the planning director or a planning commission representative.

I look forward to working with you to perform the inspection. Please contact me to confirm the inspection date. Although we can consider other dates, we would appreciate your cooperation by selecting one of the dates proposed above. You can contact me at (330) 963-1128 or via e-mail at timothy.mcparland@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

Tim McParland
Assistant to the District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Holly Brinda, Mayor, City of Elyria
Kathryn McKillips, Project Engineer/Stormwater Coordinator, City of Elyria