



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Lucas County
MS4 Program
Lucas County/Monclova Township
Facility ID No. 2GQ000006

November 6, 2012

Mr. Brian Miller, P.E.
Assistant Drainage Engineer
Lucas County Engineer
One Government Center, Suite 870
Toledo, Ohio 43604

Mr. Harold Grim
Monclova Township Administrator
4335 Albon Road
Monclova, Ohio 43542

Dear Messrs. Miller and Grim:

Lucas County and Monclova Township operate as co-permittees under Ohio EPA's General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewers Systems (MS4s), also known as the Small MS4 permit. Under the Small MS4 permit, both entities are required to develop and implement a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to control the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state. Ohio EPA has the following comments regarding the implementation of the Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations Program under the County/Township's SWMP.

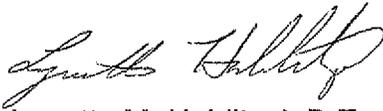
Mr. Grim contacted me about a tree removal project the Township had undertaken along Swan Creek. On October 25, 2012, I visited the Township's property at 4335 Albon Road, Monclova Township. According to Mr. Grim, several cottonwoods had been removed along both sides of the river with equipment crossing in stream. At the time of my visit, there was a small area of stream bank east of the township building that appeared to have had recent earth disturbance. Swan Creek was clear and I did not observe any fill material or sedimentation in stream. While the disturbed area had been seeded and some of the grass seed had germinated, there was not yet sufficient cover to prevent erosion. This area must be routinely monitored until at least a 70% density of perennial vegetative cover or some other permanent means of soil stabilization has been established. If evidence of erosion (turbid discharge, rill or gully

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formation) begins to appear, additional Best Management Practices (BMPs) will need to be employed until the area is stabilized. Such BMPs may include the installation of silt fence and/or the use of temporary rolled erosion control products (matting). I recommend that you contact the Army Corps of Engineers prior to commencing projects adjacent to or within a surface water to discuss potential regulatory requirements.

At this time, the project does not appear to be a compliance issue under the Small MS4 Permit. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3009.

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Section

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