

## **Section 101. Show Title**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the  
"East Taylor Township Storm water Management Ordinance"

## **Section 102 Statement of Findings**

The governing body of the Municipality finds that:

A. Storm water runoff from lands modified by human activities threatens public health and safety by causing decreased infiltration of rainwater and increased runoff and velocities, which overtax the carrying capacity of existing streams and storm sewers, and greatly increases the cost to the public to manage storm water.

B. Inadequate planning and management of storm water runoff resulting from land development and redevelopment throughout a watershed can also harm surface water resources by changing the natural hydrologic patterns, accelerating stream flows (which increase scour and erosion of stream-beds and stream-backs thereby elevating sedimentation), destroying aquatic habitat and elevating aquatic pollutant concentrations and loadings such as sediments, nutrients, heavy metals and pathogens. Groundwater resources are also impacted through loss of recharge.

C. A program of storm water management, including reasonable regulation of land development and redevelopment causing loss of natural infiltration, is fundamental to the public health, safety, welfare, and the protection of the people of the Municipality and all the people of the Commonwealth, their resources, and the environment.

D. Storm water can be an important water resource by providing groundwater recharge for water supplies and base flow of streams, which also protects and maintains surface water quality.

E. Public education on the control of pollution from storm water is an essential component in successfully addressing storm water.

F. Federal and state regulations require certain municipalities to implement a program of storm water controls. These municipalities are required to obtain a permit for storm water discharges from their separate storm sewer systems under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

G. Non-storm water discharges to municipal separate storm sewer systems can contribute to pollution of water of the Commonwealth by the Municipality.