

The purpose of this brochure is to provide the public with the basic facts and County contact information regarding St. Johns County Stormwater Ordinance 2006-62.

- Ordinance 2006-62, the “Stormwater Ordinance”, was passed and enacted by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners on May 16, 2006.
- The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of St. Johns County, and protect and enhance the water quality of watercourses and water bodies by reducing pollutants in discharges and prohibiting non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system.
- The Ordinance requires that:
 - Stormwater from construction activities **be controlled, treated, and managed on-site using BMPs** so as not to cause an illicit discharge to the County’s MS4 or Regulated Waters.
 - All **erosion, pollutant, and sediment controls** required by any applicable local, state, or federal permit shall be properly implemented, installed, operated and maintained.

- Authorized discharges to the County’s MS4 or regulated waters **shall be controlled** so that they do not impair operation of the MS4 or adversely impact the quality of those regulated waters.
- County personnel shall be granted access **to inspect facilities or activities discharging** or suspected of discharging to the MS4 or regulated waters in order to effectuate this Ordinance or to investigate violations of the Ordinance.
- Structural controls and other BMPs used to reduce/eliminate pollutants **shall be operated and maintained** at all times by the person owning/operating the facility or activity.
- Any person who holds a NPDES permit which provides for an Authorized Connection and or Authorized Discharge to the County’s MS4 or Regulated Waters, shall provide a copy of the permit to the County Administrator no later than thirty days after the issuance of the permit.

Construction Activity and St. Johns County Stormwater Ordinance (Ordinance 2006-62)



Definitions

Authorized Connection: A physical point source to the County's MS4 which is authorized by the County.

Authorized Discharge: Any direct or indirect discharge to the County's MS4 or Regulated Waters that is composed entirely of Stormwater, that is exempt as specified in Section 4 or authorized by the County.

Best Management Practice (BMPs): Any schedule of activities, prohibition of activities, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce pollutants in the environment. BMPs include but are not limited to: stormwater treatment facilities, operating and maintenance procedures, facility management practices to control runoff, spillage, leaks, waste disposal or drainage from raw materials storage, erosion and sediment control practices, prohibition of specific activities, practices and procedures (See "BMPs-at-a-Glance").

Construction Activity: Any activity which results in modification of surface features, including but not limited to grading, land clearing, or placement or alteration of buildings, structures, or utilities, unless specifically exempted by this or any other applicable St. Johns County Ordinance.

Definitions (cont.)

DEP: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Discharge: Any release, spilling, leaking, seeping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping of any substance or material.

Illicit Discharge: Any direct or indirect discharge to the County's storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater or which is not authorized by the County.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): A conveyance or system of conveyances owned or operated by a local government that discharges to waters of the U.S. or connects to other MS4s, which is designed solely for connecting or conveying stormwater.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Discharge Permits: General, group, and individual stormwater discharge permits which regulate facilities defined in federal NPDES regulations pursuant to the Clean Water Act; provisions of the Florida Statutes; and applicable rules of the Florida Administrative Code.

Definitions (cont.)

Regulated Waters: Waters of the United States as defined in 40 CFR Section 122, as amended, and Waters of the State as defined in Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, as amended, that lie within St. Johns County.

Stormwater: Any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from rainstorm events.

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For more information regarding St. Johns County Ordinance 2006-62 and/or Construction Activity contact Debbie Kristiansen at (904) 209-0120 or go to

<http://www.clk.co.st-johns.fl.us/minrec/OrdinanceBooks/OrdIndex.htm>

http://www.sjefl.us/BCC/Public_Works/Engineering_Services/Stormwater/SWConstACT.aspx

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For more information regarding DEP's NPDES Permitting Program for Construction Activity go to:

<http://dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/construction1.htm>