

KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

When it rains, much of the water does not soak into the ground. If it lands on a roof, driveway or other impervious surface, the water runs along the surface, across paved areas, along curbs and into ditches. Often it then runs into storm water inlets which are covered with a grate. These inlets are connected by buried pipes. Camp Hill Borough has about 17 miles of pipe that help convey the stormwater.

These pipes connect to larger pipes and then discharge to the surface or through an outfall to a stream. Ultimately the stormwater runs to the Susquehanna River and then to the Chesapeake Bay. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires the Borough to manage its stormwater as part of its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program.

The Borough also maintains several natural Best Management Practices (BMPs). In Willow Park, a riparian buffer project was installed to improve water quality. The project includes outfall stabilization, step pools and native trees and plants that help stabilize the stream banks. We are currently designing a similar project in Siebert Park. Stay tuned for more details!



WILLOW PARK BEFORE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS



WILLOW PARK WITH RIPARIAN BUFFER