

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Environmental issues—stormwater management, greenway and habitat protection, riparian area and floodplain management, renewable energy, recycling, and municipal waste management—need to be addressed by professionals with specific expertise. The close working relationships our planners have developed with key environmental regulatory agencies (the Montgomery County Conservation District, the PA DEP, and the US EPA) enable us to get answers to your environmental questions.

MCPC Services & Resources



Stormwater Management/MS4 Program Assistance/GSI. The county's municipalities maintain permits under the federal Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program. These permits require mapping, water quality planning, ordinances, and various other actions. Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) should be an integral part of any municipal effort. We can assist you in meeting these program requirements and implementing effective stormwater techniques.

Riparian Area and Floodplain Management, Greenway/Habitat Protection. The county's environmental resources provide valuable services. We stand ready to help protect and manage these resources, and our staff can identify greenways or prepare customized environmental resource model ordinances to meet your needs.

Renewable Energy. As renewable energy system technology becomes more feasible for local installations, municipalities are facing challenges in regulating them and minimizing local impacts. Our staff has been working through regional agencies to develop guidance on energy system regulation and can make these guidelines work in your municipality.

Recycling and Municipal Waste Management. The county has been involved in planning for municipal waste management and developing and enhancing recycling programs for decades. The county recycling manager is based in our commission, and we are ready to assist you in program evaluation and enhancement for recycling and other programs such as composting.

Examples:

- Sustainable Green Parking Lots Guidebook
- Model Floodplain and Riparian Corridor Guidebooks
- Facilitation of the Wissahickon Water Quality Improvement Plan
- Renewable Energy Series
- Energy Ordinance Audit



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