

## Stormwater Planning

In 1972, Congress passed the Clean Water Act which required the cleanup of all surface waters in the country. As the major polluters have treated their wastewater and have ceased polluting, stormwater is now considered the greatest polluter of surface waters. In 2003, Rensselaer County signed a [Notice of Intent](#) to be covered under New York State Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit. Since that time, Rensselaer County has been working with its municipalities located in the urbanized area to help reduce stormwater pollution.

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