Accompanying this correspondence is the current proposed plan that dictates how the City of Warren will conduct its internal operations and regulate private operations and development such that the requirements of the City’s NPDES permit for the discharge of storm water runoff to waters of the state are met.

The City of Warren is a Phase I regulated community that has been operating under the requirements of a jurisdictional storm water permit since 1996. Permits are issued by and monitored by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Changes during the issuance of the 2008 version of the permit necessitated that the City of Warren update its permit-required Storm Water Management Plan.

The Storm Water Management Plan is the document which describes how the city will seek out and eliminate illicit connections to the storm sewer system, how the city will conduct its operations to minimize their impact on the quality of storm water runoff, how the City will educate the public on pollution prevention and best practices issues that affect storm water runoff quality, how the city will regulate new development and redevelopment to minimize its impact on storm water runoff quantity and quality, and how the city will monitor and reduce storm water runoff pollution from active construction sites within the city limits.

This draft storm water management plan will be posted for public comment until January 15th, 2012. Any persons desiring to comment on the plan can submit their comments and or concerns in writing to the City Clerk’s office by the close of business on January 15th, 2012. Those comments will be reviewed by the Facilities Engineer and included with any correspondence to the City of Warren City Council when the city’s current storm water ordinance is amended to reflect this plan.

The current ordinance can be found in Sections 41-140 through 41-154 in the City of Warren Code of Ordinances.