

**PVCSD
ONGOING
STORMWATER
CAMPAIGN**

**PY2 STORMWATER
PROGRAM**

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**STORMWATER
PROGRAM:
EFFECTIVENESS
SURVEY**

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1. Stormwater Mandated Program

In 2009, the District, under the federal Clean Water Act mandate, executed a Notice of Intent to develop and implement a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) for the Putnam Central Valley School District (PVCSD) at the High School/Middle School located at 146 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, NY.

During the first year, the District initiated several actions, including:

- Setting up a Stormwater Steering Committee and appointing a Stormwater Coordinator
- Developing a Stormwater Website
- Issuing newsletters and fact sheets on stormwater related issues
- Holding Student Participation Programs
- Conducting Training Programs for O & M Staff
- Developing Storm Sewer Maps
- Adopting Guidance Procedures for Construction-Related Activity and for the Control of Illicit Discharges (non-stormwater discharges)
- Conducting Annual Public Meetings
- Preparing Annual Reports to the State

2. Why Stormwater Matters

Stormwater runoff, containing oils and greases from our roads and parking lots, pesticides and herbicides from our lawns and bacteria from failing septic systems pollute our drinking water and make our oceans unsafe for swimming.

3. Stormwater Survey

As part of the ongoing stormwater program, PVCSD will be conducting a survey on the current stormwater program.

4. Survey Goals

The purpose of the survey is multi-fold, as outlined below:

- First, to create an awareness in the school community of the actions undertaken by the District, since the initiation of the program in 2009.
- Second, to encourage the school community to learn about the importance of the stormwater initiatives, and the impact of stormwater pollutants on downstream waters such as streams, lakes and reservoirs.
- Third, to obtain feedback from the school community on how to foster a more active school participation/involvement in the program

5. Survey Questionnaire

To prepare you for the upcoming survey, a questionnaire has been posted on your stormwater website.

- Please review the questionnaire
- Contact your Stormwater Coordinator if you need further information.

- Download newsletters, fact sheets and other stormwater-related documents from the website
- Review the initiatives undertaken by your District on stormwater issues and the impact of stormwater pollutants

6. Survey Response

The survey questionnaire may be responded by either:

- Phone calls conducted during the interview by your Stormwater Coordinator
- Response directly on the Website
- Response at meetings conducted by your environmental and/or conservation club teacher/instructor

7. How Can You Help?

While the administrative portion of the program has been initiated by your District, public participation/involvement is vital to the success of this program. You can help by:

- Visiting your stormwater website to learn about the stormwater campaign undertaken by your District
- Responding to the survey
- Providing feedback on how to improve communication and community participation in the current stormwater program
- Having an open dialogue with your peers on stormwater issues
- Becoming actively involved in your local school environmental and conservation clubs in promoting education on stormwater issues and stormwater activities