

Virginia Stormwater Management Program Phase II Annual Report

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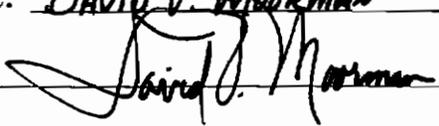
Botetourt County Public Works

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Certification

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History of the Program

In compliance with Federal and State Stormwater Quality regulations as outlined in the Federal Clean Water Act (CFR 40) and the State of Virginia regulation (9 VAC 25-750-10 et seq. - General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Regulation For Discharges Of Storm Water From Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems), the County of Botetourt, Virginia, implemented a comprehensive stormwater management program in May 2003. Coverage under the first (Municipal Storm Sewer System) MS4 General Permit issued to Botetourt County ended in 2008. Coverage under the current Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) MS4 General Permit became effective of July 9, 2008.

Botetourt County's Stormwater management program was developed to fulfill all of the Minimum Compliance Measures (MCM) as required by state and federal mandate. Botetourt County Public Works Department designed and developed targeted Best Management Practices (BMP) to reach a diverse group of County residents and businesses at all economic and social levels. This report documents the status of the program for Year 3 of the Permit. The main components of the stormwater management program areas are:

- MCM 1: Public Education and Outreach
- MCM 2: Public Participation and Involvement
- MCM 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- MCM 4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- MCM 5: Post-construction Stormwater Management
- MCM 6: Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

MCM 1: Public Education and Outreach

Botetourt County has continued to make education and outreach a priority of the stormwater program. It is envisioned that the County will continue to maintain its commitment to education in the stormwater program by continuing the stormwater education field trips, utilizing Standards of Learning (SOL) correlated stormwater curricula, educating developers and builders at pre-construction meetings, providing informative classes & workshops, developing a stormwater ordinance, and updating the stormwater website.

BMP 1:1 Hold a preconstruction conference before each new LDP project; give minimum standard pamphlet to RLDs that have not previously conducted projects in Botetourt County.

Botetourt County's Erosion and Sediment Control Administrator educates contractors and developers at all pre-construction meetings on proper E&S measures. Site specific Erosion and Sediment control measures and areas of critical concern are identified on proposed plans and BMP designs are discussed. A pamphlet created by DCR outlining the nineteen minimum standards is distributed at pre-construction conferences and given to individuals applying for Agreements in Lieu of an E&S plan

See Supporting Documentation BMP 1:1 for a summary of all new LDP projects in Botetourt County during permit year.

BMP 1:2 Facilitate guided tours for high school students in Botetourt County Public Schools of the regional wastewater treatment plant with a program focus on how stormwater impacts waste water treatment. The goal will be to conduct one tour per year, but will be contingent on school fieldtrip budgets, available transportation for students, and teacher interest.

Facilitating a tour of the regional wastewater treatment plants was not possible during permit Year 3, due to budget constraints on the schools and lack of teacher interest for such tours.

BMP 1:3 Reach a minimum of 250 students within Botetourt County Public Schools with programs involving storm water, waste reduction and reuse, and recycling education.

Clean Valley Council (CVC), a non-profit organization sponsored by local governments, including Botetourt County, provides in-school educational programs using a part-time educator. The educator conducted 10 educational programs in Botetourt County Public Schools reaching 555 students between July 2010 and June 2011.

BMP 1:4 Ensure that printed storm water educational materials are on display at Botetourt County Public Works and libraries.

Five (5) stormwater related brochures are available for the public at Botetourt County Public Works and in Botetourt County Public Libraries.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 1:4 for a copy of materials on display.

BMP 1:5 Ensure that storm water educational information is available at www.botetourt.org and update annually.

Information added to the website this year includes the Year 1 report. All other links were tested for accuracy. The webpage includes information, forms, photos, and related links on Erosion & Sedimentation Control, Stormwater Management, and Environmental Education. This site also provides an email address for stormwater, drainage, and E&S complaints. The County will continue to expand, update, and enhance this site for the purpose of educating the public on various environmental topics and issues.

Visit www.botetourt.org/government/env_mgmt.php to view the information posted about stormwater management.

MCM 2: Public Participation & Involvement

Public involvement and participation has been a major focus of the stormwater program efforts. Botetourt County staff serves on the Boards of Directors for the Clean Valley Council, Upper James River Roundtable, and the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable. Botetourt County partners with the City of Roanoke, County of Roanoke, Town of Vinton, and the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority to host three household hazardous waste collection events annually. Additionally, Botetourt County Staff attended Environment Virginia 2010 and participated in both Clean Valley Day and the Fall Waterways Cleanup.

BMP 2:1 Partner with CVC to sponsor at least two clean up events.

Botetourt County partnered with the Clean Valley Council (CVC), the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable (URRR), and several localities to hold the Fall Waterway Clean Up on October 2, 2010. Valley-wide, nearly 780 volunteers collected 31 tons of trash and 355 tires.

Botetourt County partnered with the CVC to hold the Clean Valley Day event on April 2, 2011. The event drew 1800 participants on 76 teams valley-wide.

BMP 2:2 Attend at least 75% of meetings, per year, of the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable (URRR) Board of Directors.

Botetourt County Project Specialist serves as a member and regularly attends meetings of the Board of Directors for the URRR. Ten (10) URRR Board meetings were held during this reporting year, six (6) of which were attended by a representative of Botetourt County, yielding a percentage of 60% of meetings being attended. Two board meetings were canceled during reporting Year 3, reducing the overall attendance percentage.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 2:2 for meeting minutes of the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable.

BMP 2:3 Attend at least 75% of meetings, per year, of the Clean Valley Council Board of Directors.

The Botetourt County Project Specialist is currently a board member of the Clean Valley Council (CVC) and attends regular meetings of the CVC Board of Directors. Ten (10) CVC Board meetings were held during this reporting year, nine (9) of which were attended by a representative of Botetourt County, yielding a percentage of 90% of meetings being attended.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 2:3 for meeting minutes of the Clean Valley Council Board of Directors.

BMP 2:4 Partner with area localities to sponsor at least one HHW collection annually.

Botetourt County held its second independent HHW collection event on October 16, 2010 at the Botetourt County Convenience Center. Botetourt County no longer participates in the regional HHW collections due to changes in the county's solid waste management operations. 192 citizens attended and 9.25 tons of HHW were collected.

MCM 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Botetourt County's stormwater program activities focused on efforts to distribute educational materials in conjunction with MCM 1 & 2 of the program. Botetourt County staff researched the issues related to the development of an illicit discharge detection and elimination program and ordinance.

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BMP 3:2 Map 40% of the storm sewer system owned by Botetourt County within the watersheds of the Botetourt County urbanized area (UA).

In previous reporting years, Botetourt County Engineering staff walked the entire length of Tinker Creek within Botetourt County looking for outfall pipes, finding only three discharge points. The points were logged with a GPS and photographed. No illicit discharges were identified. Additional mapping in year 1 includes curb and drop inlets and basin inlet and outlet structures for all areas of the storm sewer system owned by Botetourt County within the watersheds of the Botetourt County urbanized area (UA). Mapping conducted in Year 3 involved connecting the points representing above ground features with each other using information from as-built and plan drawings for the in-ground portions of the infrastructure. An estimated 70% of the required mapping is complete at this time.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 3:2 for GIS maps of the stormwater infrastructure.

BMP 3:3 Develop a stormwater and/or illicit discharge ordinance.

Botetourt County has evaluated its current ordinances and feel that the following sections of Botetourt County Municipal Code meets the state requirements:

- Chapter 10, Sec. 10-32. **Local erosion and sediment control program.**
- Chapter 10, Sec. 10.34. **Guidelines, criteria, etc., for preparation.**
- Chapter 10, Sec. 10-34.1. **Stormwater management infrastructure maintenance agreement.**

See Supporting Documentation 3:3 for the full text of these ordinances.

MCM 4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

Botetourt County is working with DCR to maintain a state approved Erosion and Sediment Control program. Staffing, funding, and increased development pressure have presented challenges to maintaining state compliance in Botetourt County's Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) program. Balancing Botetourt County's traditionally rural character with the ever-increasing development needs has been a major priority.

The DCR website currently lists Botetourt County's Erosion & Sediment Control program as "consistent". Botetourt County has an alternative inspections program for Erosion and Sediment Control and maintains an Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance that adopts all current State of Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control regulations.

The County Erosion and Sediment Control program reviews E&S plans for all proposed construction projects. Information on E&S and litter control is currently distributed at all pre-construction meetings. Botetourt County's Erosion and Sediment Control Administrator tracks E&S projects through a spreadsheet that includes project name, disturbed acreage, Responsible Land Disturber (RLD), project status and project description. Botetourt County will continue to remain dedicated to the protection of Virginia's waters through the implementation of the County Erosion and Sediment Control Program. Botetourt County staff will continue to review and inspect all required projects in compliance with DCR E&S regulations and will continue to inspect projects consistent with state law. The Botetourt County Stormwater Maintenance Agreement (SWMA) and local E&S ordinance were revised in 2005. Changes to these items included an updated SWMA and adoption of the Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook.

Currently, all of the designated VSMP MS4 regulated urban area drains to the Roanoke River basin. Therefore, Botetourt County is exempt from the additional permit reporting requirements related to MS4s draining into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

BMP 4:1 Perform formal plan review on all construction sites requiring a Land Disturbing Permit (LDP) to assure compliance with the nineteen minimum standards.

There were a total of 3 projects submitted which required an LDP. Of those, only 2 permits were issued for a total of 146,324 square feet during permit Year 3.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 4:1 for summary of all projects reviewed during program year.

BMP 4:2 Inspect all sites with an active LDP once every two weeks or within 48 hours of a runoff-producing event OR per set alternative inspection schedule.

Botetourt County has an alternative inspections program, however, current staff strives to visit and inspect each active LDP site every two weeks and within 48 hours of each significant rain event.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 4.2 for a copy of the spreadsheet used to track inspections; sample of inspection report, notice to comply, and stop work order.

BMP 4:3 Report newly approved land disturbance sites determined to be eligible for the VSMP permit to the Stormwater Compliance Specialist at the DCR Christiansburg Regional Office.

Botetourt County issued two (2) new Land Disturbing Permits in permit year 3 that may meet the requirement to register for a VSMP permit. Per the request of the DCR Christiansburg Regional Office, plan approval letters for these sites included the following language informing the applicants of the possible requirement:

“Approval and issuance of a land-distributing permit from this office does not affect any other permits or permission that you may need to complete this project. According to the submitted plans, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) may require this project to register for a Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) Permit since all construction activities associated with this project disturb more than 1 acre. However VSMP permit determinations are the responsibility of DCR. DCR may be contacted at (540) 394-2581 to register.”

Copies of all approval letters for projects which may require a VSMP permit are sent to the DCR Christiansburg Regional Office.

MCM 5: Post Construction Best Management Practices

Post-construction stormwater management is relatively new in Botetourt County and will take several years to fully implement into the stormwater program. In 2005, Botetourt County laid the foundation for future development by requiring stormwater facility maintenance agreements for all projects resulting in an increase in impervious area and/or stormwater runoff. The requirement is outlined in the current Botetourt County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (adopted July 26, 2005) and required through adoption of Minimum Standard 19 of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control regulations and the Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook.

BMP 5:1 Enforce Botetourt County Code, Chapter 10, Erosion and Sediment Control; evaluate current ordinances upon approval of state stormwater ordinance.

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BMP 5:2 Require a storm water infrastructure maintenance agreement on all areas of new development and redevelopment needing permanent storm water protection measures.

Per Botetourt County Municipal Code, Chapter 10, Sec. 10-34.1, stormwater infrastructure maintenance agreements must be recorded onto the plat of all new development and redevelopment areas with stormwater management systems. The maintenance and monitoring of these stormwater management systems is the sole responsibility of the property owner or persons signing the agreement.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 5:2 for sample storm water infrastructure maintenance agreements.

MCM 6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

Botetourt County has made good progress in pollution prevention/good housekeeping in the first year of the stormwater management program. Botetourt County staff has completed an inventory of hazardous materials at County facilities. Botetourt County sponsored its first independent household hazardous waste collection event in Year 3. Additionally, Parks and Recreation reduce phosphorus released into the environment by establishing a soil amendment schedule that utilizes soil testing to minimize the amount of fertilizers needed at county-owned facilities.

BMP 6:1 Maintain an inventory of hazardous materials used by the Utilities Division and training certifications of those who handle hazardous materials.

Public Works Department staff performed an inventory of all county facilities and determined that Botetourt County Utility Division stores up to four (4) 55-gal drums of sodium hypochlorite and/or RE-OX at a time. All chemicals have containment pallets and are only handled by certified personnel. Within the Utilities Division, three (3) employees are certified as water and wastewater operators. These employees are the only ones authorized to handle hazardous materials.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 6.1 for a copy of the inventory MSDS and training certifications.

BMP 6:2 Increase the monthly mean average of paper recycled in Botetourt County government offices.

The process for collecting and disposing of office refuse has changed such that there is no way to measure the amount of paper being recycled.

Proposed Change: Maintain a level of recycling in Botetourt County which is higher than the state mandated 15% for rural jurisdictions.

BMP 6:3 Apply appropriate fertilizers at Botetourt County Parks and Recreation facilities as defined by the results of soil tests.

Botetourt County Parks and Recreation staff performed test on 14 facilities before applying fertilizer in Year 3. Staff currently spreads the application of recommended fertilizers out over a two-year period.

See Supporting Documentation BMP 6:3 for documentation of soil tests, recommended fertilizer applications for each facility, and the schedule of when fertilizers have been applied.

BMP 6:4 Conduct at least one HHW collection annually.

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Amendments to the MS4 Program Plan

The following items have been amended in Botetourt County’s MS4 Program Plan at the suggestion of DCR staff and will be tracked for Year 4 unless otherwise indicated:

1. Discontinuation of BMP 1:2 *Facilitate guided tours for high school students in Botetourt County Public Schools of the regional wastewater treatment plant.* Facilitating tours of the regional wastewater treatment plants has become increasingly difficult due to budget constraints on the schools and lack of teacher interest for such tours.
2. Replacement of BMP 1:2 Make Botetourt County’s MS4 program plan available to the public by posting the plan and most recent annual report to www.botetourt.org.
3. BMP 3:1 has been and will continue to be reported in duplicate as BMP 2:4 and BMP 6: as the actions fall under several MCM program areas.
4. Addition of BMP 3:4 Inspect all Botetourt County owned outfalls annually during dry weather and document the current condition of the outfall.
5. Addition of BMP 3:5 Document and take actions to correct any illicit discharges discovered during the inspection of outfalls or through other means.

Stormwater Management Facilities

No new stormwater management facilities covered under the VSMP have been added in Year 3. Current, only four (4) stormwater management facilities are owned and operated by Botetourt County. Of those, Vista Corporate Park is the only SWM facility that discharges directly into a body of water with Waste Load Allocations. Waste Load Allocations within the Botetourt County urbanized area are listed in the table below.

Waste Load Allocations	Number of Discharges
4.36E+11 cfu/yr to Laymantown Creek	0
1.19E+11 cfu/yr to Glade Creek	0
1.28E+11 cfu/yr to Carvin Creek	0
1.95E+12 cfu/yr to Tinker Creek	1

Information regarding the one discharge in an impaired body of water is as follows:

- Vista Corporate Park
 - Estimated drainage area: 56 acres
 - Impaired receiving water: Tinker Creek Middle
 - Land use: Vista Park is an industrial park currently occupied by two companies. The area consists of approximately 40% impervious area with the remaining area having grassy vegetative cover. The stormwater from this drainage area passes through a detention basin and is discharged via an outfall located on Tinker Creek. The stormwater detention basin is owned and maintained by Botetourt County.

Stormwater management facility data has been submitted in Microsoft Excel format to StormBMP@dcr.virginia.gov.

Future Program Goals

Botetourt County will continue to maintain a dedicated effort to fulfill all of the requirements in its stormwater program as outlined in **VSMP Permit # VAR040023**. Future program goals are described in the BMP Summary Table on the follow pages.