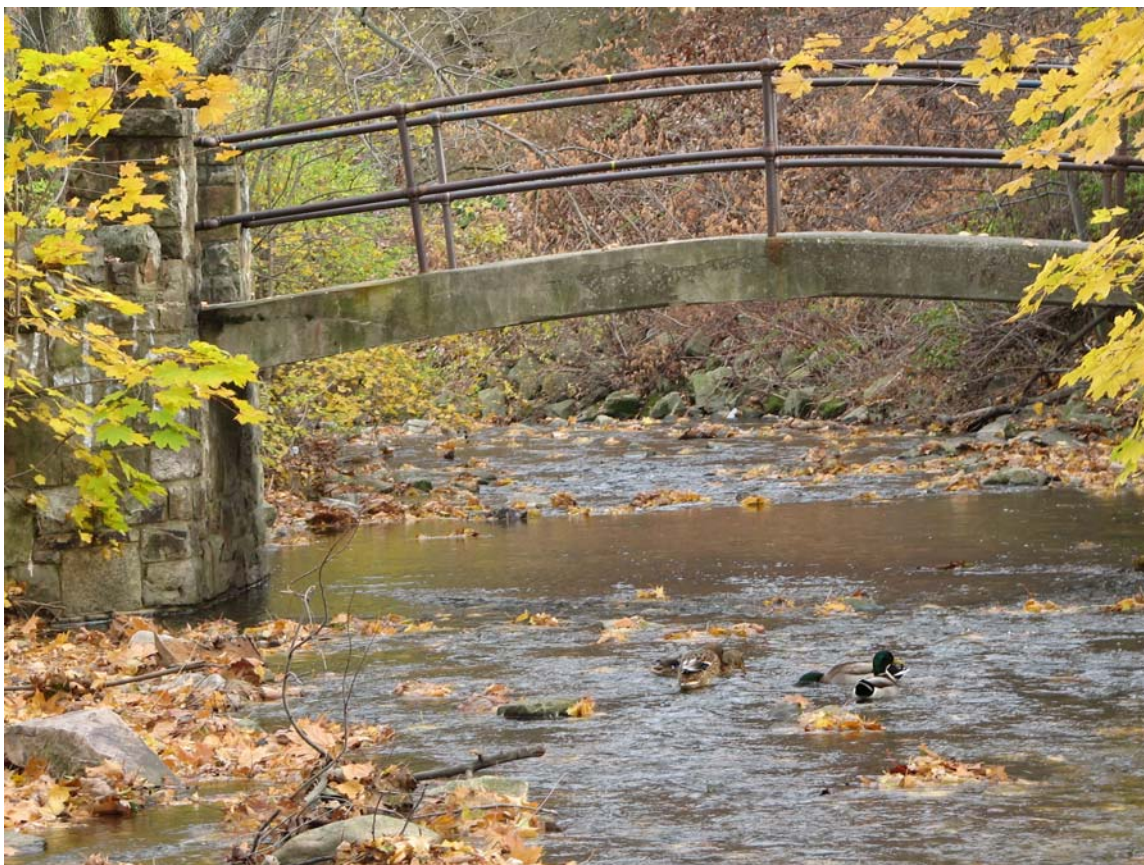


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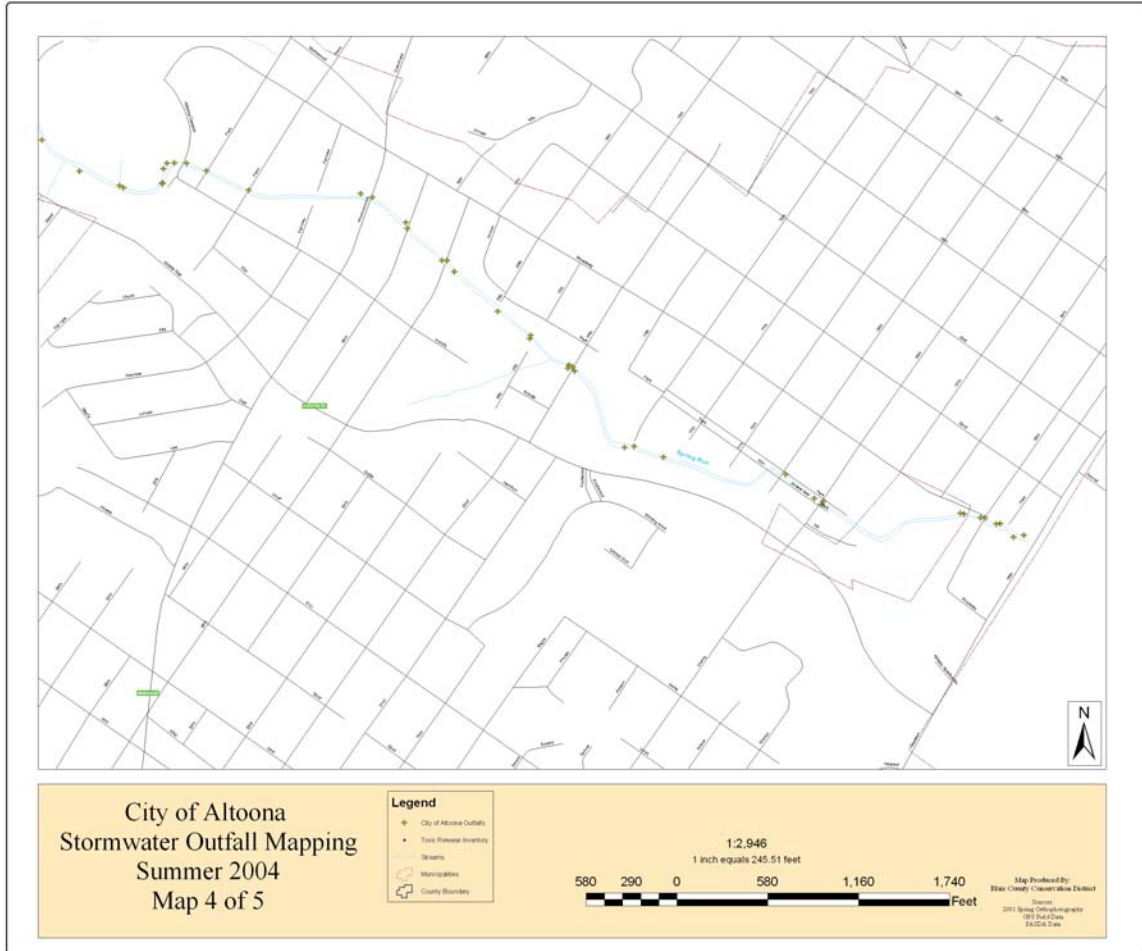
# **STORMWATER & YOU!**



Spring Run and wildlife. The way we all want to keep it so we can enjoy it!

Welcome to the City of Altoona's Stormwater page. The City is working to improve water quality in our Streams through a variety of methods.

One method: The City is working to map and inventory ALL of the stormwater outfalls in the City as well as monitor these for illicit discharges.



We have a phone number for **NON-emergency/NON-spill** events. If you see or smell something unusual coming from an outfall, a pipe that empties into the Run or Stream, please call 949.2445.



An outfall on Spring Run – abandoned. Do NOT call.



Outfall on Mill Run - Normal (dry weather, no flow).



Outfall– scheduled to be repaired (Do NOT Call).



**This is an outfall that you would CALL on...** any flow in dry weather (48 hours without rain) especially if something unusual is going on with its discharge.

Remember, our most powerful ally in the fight to protect our waters is **you**. Through the **Adopt-a-Watershed** program you will be able to *help your neighborhood by caring for your local watershed*. Remember: **Everybody** lives in a watershed.

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### **Adopt-a-Watershed Initiative**

The **Adopt-a-Watershed** Program will recruit local concerned citizen-volunteers (Boy Scouts, Neighborhood, and Eco-groups) to participate in the maintenance and observation of their immediate watershed. This will be accomplished through activities that achieve visible results and encourage the stewardship of this resource. Spring Run will be the initial focus, to create a "Showcase".



Spring Run – We should keep it safe, and do our part for the next generation.



Spring Run – few Cities have such a sight – Our goal is to keep it looking good!



Spring Run – clean water is healthy – Let's work to keep it healthy, together.

Three (3) specific activities & goals:

- 1) Volunteers/neighbors will clean up and monitor the watersheds. The primary clean up occurs in the spring with instructions on detecting illicit & illegal discharges. What an outfall is was addressed previously. Below we see what a typical clean-up can accomplish. This particular clean-up occurred downstream from the City. However, it does show what we are trying to achieve. This part of the clean-up, organized by the Little Juniata River Association, was accomplished by 3 adults and 2 younger Scouts as part of a larger effort of close to 80 people.



April 2007 clean-up along the Little Juniata River by Baree. An employee from the City Engineer's Office is helping to clean up the trash that too often finds its way into our watersheds.



Hard at work!



By the end of the day – One crew had two (2) pick-up trucks full.

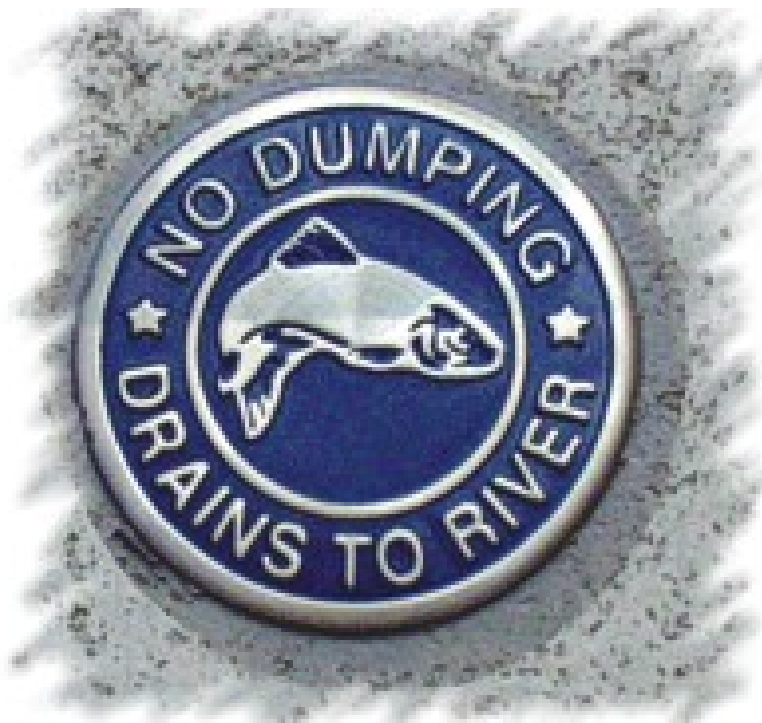


Another truck had nothing but tires in it!



Time to unload the trash where it belongs – a dumpster!

- 2) Volunteers (e.g. Eagle Projects, etc.), aided by technicians from the Public Works Dept., will place 4" stainless steel disks at the inlets of the storm water system. They feature a fish with the words "No Dumping" "Drains to Creek" (see illustration). 1000 of these disks will be purchased and installed to cover the city watersheds that drain into the Little Juniata River. Spring Run, alone, will need Approx. 600 disks.



- 3) Establishing a dedicated local phone number for citizens to be used for **non-emergency/non-spill** reporting where a problem or suspicious discharge or dumping is noticed. That number is 949.2445

## **Milestones:**

### **2007**

Throughout the year we will work with the County's "Stormwater Protection Committee" and various environmental groups to maximize our presence and effect implementation of the Adopt-a-Watershed Initiative in our community.

We will also be running Stormwater Public Service Announcements on local cable access television.

We will video log our activities and volunteers this year to show a before-after progression. This material will be useful in the transplanting of the Adopt-a-Watershed to other streams in our area in the following years.

We will inspect 50% of our Stormwater Outfalls and complete a set of digital and analog fieldbooks. This will aid us in assigning the volunteers where they will do the most good.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** - **Earth Day** presentation and volunteer recruitment at the PSU Altoona Campus. We will present our new Non-emergency/ Non-spill number at this venue. That number is 814.949.2445.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** - **WaterFest2007** will be held at the Logan Valley Mall. The WaterFest will include Presentations & Volunteer Recruitment as well as a *Stream Walk* behind the Mall in Mill Run. The location of the *Stream Walk* is an area we worked to rehabilitate last year with "Growing Greener" Funds.

### **May:**

Purchase 1000+ disks needed for the Little Juniata watershed. Schedule a clean-up on part of the watershed (Spring Run).

*Note: in April and May the City of Altoona will also send education and outreach personnel into local schools to do presentations with the Altoona City Authority, water division.*

**June:**

Install Disks with local volunteers and city personnel.

**July:**

Finish with the installation of the 4" stainless steel disks. Host a BBQ and media opportunity to show case the volunteer effort. Hopefully, through media coverage, interest will be generated in other areas in our city for their participation.

## **2008**

Continue with community participation and outreach through the community groups, Public Service Announcements and School in-class training.

Use the success of the Spring Run Adopt-a-Watershed Initiative to leverage a similar program on Mill Run and then in 2009 on Brush Run thus covering all of our watersheds.

After the 1000 disks are placed in the Little Juniata River Watershed that will leave us with the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River to be covered. The additional two adoptions, Mill Run and Brush Run will require an additional 2200 disks

**March:**

Plan and prepare for the 2008 Earth Day & WaterFest, *which will include the addition of video presentations showing the past years improvements and volunteers.*

**These videos will be adapted into Public Service Announcements highlighting our local volunteers and successes.**

**April:**

Earth Day

**May:**

Water fest

**June & July:**

The placement of disks on as much of the Mill Run watershed as possible.

**Note:**

City of Altoona is looking at a 3-4 year timeline in the adoption of this program. The City's commitment to protecting our watersheds is and will be ongoing. Spring Run and the Little Juniata River watershed could be done in 2007 which will provide us with the experience and an example to inspire the remainder of our city to move forward with this new level of pro-active stewardship.

## *Calendar Reminder*

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007** is **Earth Day**

*At the PSU-Altoona Campus by the SLEP Center*

From **10am till 5+pm**

There will be activities, lessons, contests, and lots of exhibits all day long!

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007** is the day of

**"WaterFest 2007"**

*At the Logan Valley Mall*

From **10am till closing!**

There will be Live Music and displays and a "Stream Walk" – as well as tours of the Authority's Water Treatment Plant!

**Remember: We ALL live downstream!**