



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The submission of this annual progress report to the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) fulfills requirements specified under the Frederick County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit No. MD0068357. This second-generation Phase I NPDES MS4 permit covers stormwater discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer system in Frederick County. The permit took effect March 11, 2002 and remains in effect until a new NPDES MS4 permit is issued to Frederick County.

The County continues to excel in stormwater management, long-term watershed monitoring, restoration and retrofit implementation, developing Geographic Information System (GIS) data, and conducting public outreach activities in accordance with the requirements of the permit. NPDES funding remains adequate to meet the conditions of the permit.

The sections in this annual report follow specific sections presented under Part III, Standard Permit Conditions, of the County's NPDES Permit to document how required elements of the County's stormwater program are being implemented. An introduction to the document is presented in Section 1. Section 2, Permit Administration, provides names, functions, and contact information for all primary administrative and technical personnel and liaisons responsible for permit compliance, as well as an organizational chart. Section 3, Legal Authority, documents the recertification from the County Attorney that the County possesses the authority to perform NPDES-related activities. Section 4, Source Identification, presents an update on the County's efforts in establishing and updating their GIS data library. Section 5, Discharge Characterization, discusses monitoring activities, including the County's long-term physical, chemical, and biological monitoring program at Peter Pan Run and at a land use-specific Best Management Practice (BMP) outfall. Results of this program are presented, along with pollutant load estimates, biological and physical assessment data, and other related information. In Section 6, Management Programs, the County presents progress summaries and updates of several permit management activities, such as illicit discharge detection, spill response, erosion and sediment control, public outreach, road maintenance, and pesticide/herbicide use. Section 7, Watershed Restoration, presents a progress report on current and planned restoration projects, as well as 2009 results for the countywide stream assessment. Detailed updates on restoration efforts in top priority watersheds (Lower Bush Creek, Ballenger Creek, Linganore Creek, and Bennett Creek) are provided. Details of biological and physical monitoring in selected watersheds are also presented. Section 8 covers program funding. Section 9, Assessment of Controls, provides estimates of expected pollutant load reductions based on BMP type. In Section 10, Special Programmatic Conditions, the County reports on activities undertaken to meet the Chesapeake Bay 2000 Agreement and existing and new total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). Section 11 lists references. All sections of the document have been reproduced electronically and can be found on the accompanying CD.

Fourteen appendices have been included in this document. Contents of all appendices are also available on the CD, either in Microsoft Word, PDF, or database format. All database files are in an MDE-approved application format and have been included in their entirety on the CD. However, for the sake of brevity, only a few example pages from each of the larger databases have been included in the bound document. Appendix A presents Frederick County's Attorney Certification that confirms that the County has the authority to conduct the NPDES program. Appendix B contains summary lists of GIS layers available to the County and under development. Appendix C includes examples from the County's NPDES databases, including the storm-water management (SWM) maintenance inspections master list and field screening reports. Long-term water chemistry monitoring data from the County's priority watershed are provided. All databases required for the NPDES submittal are presented here (abbreviated format in bound copy). Appendix D gives pollutant estimates for all municipal storm sewer outfalls in the County. Appendix E presents the methods for estimating pollutant loads from water chemistry monitoring at Peter Pan Run and Pond R Outfall. Appendix F contains field habitat, water quality, and biological data from Peter Pan Run. Spill response supplemental materials are contained in Appendix G. Appendix H contains public outreach materials information from County agencies including newsletters, press releases, brochures, and clippings of local media coverage of NPDES-related activities. In Appendix I, examples of Highway Operations activities are presented in tabular form. The prioritized listing of County watersheds is found in Appendix J. Appendix K contains field habitat, water quality, and biological community data from selected restoration sites in Ballenger Creek, Bennett Creek, and Linganore Creek monitored in 2009. In Appendix L, the County's NPDES organizational budget and long-term CIP funding plan worksheets are provided. The finalized dry weather screening protocol for Frederick County's illicit detection program comprises Appendix M. Results of the 2009 illicit detection program are presented in Appendix N. Appendix O contains water chemistry and IBI scores from the FCSS.