MCM #2 - Public Involvement / Participation
The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program

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There are 3 Best Management Practices (BMPs) required under this MCM. Learn more about their requirements and resources to help meet these requirements below.

**BMP #1**
Develop, implement, and maintain a written Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP) which describes various types of possible participation activities and describes methods of encouraging the public’s involvement and of soliciting the public’s input. PIPP should include, at a minimum: 1) opportunities for the public to participate in your SWMP; 2) regular communication methods to organizations such as watershed groups, environmental advisory committees, etc.; and 3) making MS4 reports available to the public. The PIPP should be reevaluated annually.

**BMP #2**
Advertise to the public and solicit public input on the following documents prior to adoption or submission to DEP: Stormwater Management Ordinances (for municipalities), Standard Operating Procedures (for non-municipal entities), and Pollutant Reduction Plants (PRPs). Public comments that are received should be documented and a response should be given.

**BMP #3**
Regularly solicit public involvement and participation from the target audience groups using available distribution and outreach methods. This should include an effort to solicit public reporting of suspected illicit discharges. Assist the public in their efforts to help implement your SWMP. Conduct public meetings to discuss the ongoing implementation of your SWMP. Make sure to document these activities.

*Please note that this information is not intended to replace regulatory requirements. Actual individual and/or general permits issued by PADEP should be followed to ensure that MS4 regulatory requirements are met. This information was adapted from PADEP’s PAG-13 NPDES General Permit for Small Municipal MS4s & EPA’s Stormwater Phase II Final Rule Fact Sheet Series.*