



# Carrollton Environmental Services THE STORM WATER READER

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## CARROLLTON'S STORMWATER PERMIT UPDATE

### The City of Carrollton has successfully completed its first stormwater permit term!

Here's a special thank you to all of the departments and employees who made our first permit term a success!

The departments that had specific activities to complete in the city's Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) include Development Services, Engineering, Environmental Services, Facilities Services, Fire Department, Fleet Services, Indian Creek Golf Course, Information Technology, Marketing Services, Parks and Recreation, Police Department and Public Works. Other departments not specifically called out in the Plan but playing an integral role its implementation include Organizational Development, the Libraries and the Resolution Center as well as the many vigilant employees who recognized illicit discharges in the city and reported them to the appropriate department. Thanks to the great teamwork from all the departments and city employees, Carrollton implemented all of its stormwater management program's best management practices and measurable goals.

As you may recall, in August of 2007, Carrollton had to obtain a permit to discharge its stormwater to the surface waters of the United States (ponds, lakes, rivers, etc.). The permit was issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and was valid for five years, until August 2012.

The permit required the City to reduce the amount of pollution in its stormwater to

the maximum extent practicable through six minimum control measures:

- Public Education /Outreach
- Public Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Currently, Carrollton is awaiting a new five-year permit to be issued by TCEQ. This permit is scheduled to be issued in March 2013. In this interim period, TCEQ has instructed us to continue with our activities from the first permit term until the new permit is issued.

The next permit will have new requirements in addition to the activities we are already implementing. Although we will have new challenges in the next term, we are confident that each department and all employees will continue the great teamwork to make this next permit term just as successful!

