

# **THOMAS TOWNSHIP STRUCTURAL STORMWATER CONTROL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Thomas Township has used its zoning map as basic decision criteria for the prioritization for catch basins in those zones. The DPW will look at the areas every two years to determine if there exists a need to change the priority of an area or zoning section of a region in the community due to an increase in litter or other refuse that may get into the street catch basins. For example; a large box store develops and there is an increase in litter from shopping bags or discarded drink containers; a residential area has significant increase in leaf litter due to trees that have reached maturity. It should be noted that this is only for catch basins owned by the township. It does not apply to MDOT roads or private developments.

Procedure steps: Use a municipal or zoning/land use map and develop districts based on residential, business/commercial, industrial and open spaces. Overlay the storm drainage system over this map and then proceed to prioritize the areas. Look at age of drainage systems, known drainage problems, areas in floodway or floodplain, areas with gravel roads or parking spaces, and known areas of potential contaminants in proximity to the municipal system. Interview DPW staff for their opinions on problem areas, and review drainage complaints to assist in the prioritization.

This inventory will be updated annually following the construction of a catch basin or a change in the priority level.

## **Priority A (High):**

These include high pedestrian traffic areas, including areas that have a lot of activity during the day, or on weekends and evenings. These areas tend to accumulate larger volumes of trash due to heavy foot traffic, large parking areas, or business activities. The inlet grates to the catch basins in these areas have a lot of trash in them after significant storm events. Other areas to consider are those that potentially can contribute large sediment loads in stormwater runoff and can deposit large quantities of sediment in the catch basin sumps.

The specific areas are as follows:

1. Educational districts.....
2. Local Commercial (LC), General Commercial (CG)
3. Business Transitional (BT)
4. Industrial (I)
5. Sports areas.....
6. Gravel/dirt roads, parking lots.....

## **Priority B (Medium):**

These include areas with less pedestrian traffic, but these areas still experience frequent activity during the day, weekends, or evenings. The area generates moderate levels of trash that collects at the catch basin inlets or in the open drains and detention areas on public properties.

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The specific areas are as follows:

1. Central Business (CB)
2. Residential (R-65) proximity to water
3. Light Industrial areas that are visibly clean

Priority C (Low):

These areas experience very low foot traffic. These areas are typically well kept up and do not generate much volume of trash and debris.

The specific areas are as follows:

1. Vegetated areas away from buildings and other facilities
2. Open Space & recreational

**Table 1. Catch basin Priority Designation Summary**

Priority	Number of catch basins (estimate)
Priority A (High)	22
Priority B (Medium)	0
Priority C (Low)	18
<b>Total Catch Basins =</b>	<b>40</b>
See maps SASWA_TT_2019_SSWC_1_reduced and SASWA_TT_2019_SSWC_2_reduced	

The catch basins will be reprioritized after the initial inspection according to the criteria in Table 2. When inspecting individual catch basins during routine inspection cycles the following prioritization method will be used to assist in reprioritizing catch basins for inspections and maintenance:

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**Table 2: Individual Catch Basin Reprioritization Designation Table**

<b>Catch Basin Condition*</b>	<b>Priority</b>
No problems - new system	Low
Sump has no sediment	Low
Sump has 6" of sediment	Medium
Sump has 12" of sediment	Medium
Sump is half full of sediment (within 18 inches of pipe invert)	High
Sump has sediment at pipe invert	High
Sump has bad odor	High
Catch basin interior is cracked; sand is coming into the cracks; no displacement is noted at the cracks	High
There is settling around the rim; the interior has gaping cracks and displacement; sinkholes are nearby; the sump is full	High
If built out of brick; bricks are failing; bricks are missing; the rim is settling into the street or parking lot; the sump is full	High

**Catch Basin Inspections and Cleaning:**

Cleaning all of the catch basins at once is more economical than trying to inspect/clean some and not others on different years. The permittee will check all catch basins with a low priority once every 5 years and will clean out the catch basin(s) if sediment or debris is within 18 inches of the pipe invert (half full of sediment) \*. The permittee will check all catch basins with a medium priority once every 2 years and will clean out the catch basin(s) if sediment or debris is within 18 inches of the pipe invert (half full of sediment) \*. For the high priority catch basins, the permittee will inspect each structure every year and will clean out the catch basin if sediment or debris is within 18 inches of the pipe invert (half full of sediment) \*. When a catch basin is cleaned the depth of the sump will be documented. All documentation/reports of these activities will be presented in their permit progress reports.

Please see the Drainage System Maintenance Standard Operating Procedure for additional recommended protocols for the maintenance and cleaning of catch basin/inlet structures.

\*For purposes of this procedure, a conservative assumption will be made that the sump is 36 inches deep and the catch basin will be cleaned if sediment is within 18 inches of the pipe invert of the discharge pipe (half full of sediment).

**Measurable Goals:**

- # of revisions or updates annually after new construction or reconstruction.
- # of individual Catch Basins prioritized after inspection annually.

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