

# CREEKWATCH PROGRAM

## RECOGNIZING ILLICIT DISCHARGES

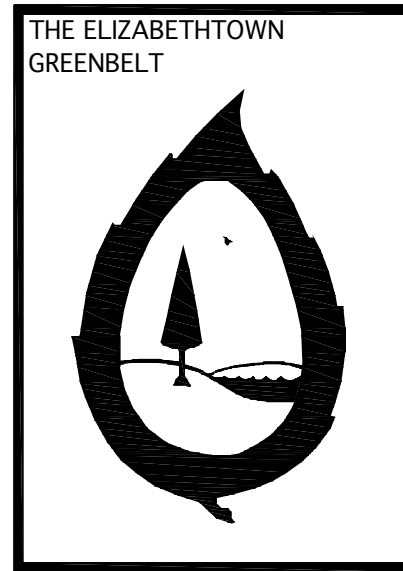
An **illicit discharge** is an illegal or improper connection to the stormwater drainage system. Illicit discharges can best be detected during dry weather periods when little or no real stormwater flow is found in the creeks or ditches. During this time the suspicious flow from the illicit discharge can be detected even though its source may not be readily apparent.

A few examples of illicit discharges are:

- Wash water discharge from the hosing or cleaning of gas stations, auto repair/service facilities, and other commercial or industrial areas
- Wash water from mobile cleaning services like carpet cleaners, steam cleaners, pressure washing, and mobile car wash activities
- Chlorinated swimming pool discharges and pool filter backwash water
- Laundry room discharges
- Food and food wastes
- Sanitary sewage overflows
- Garbage

When you see a suspicious flow or other illicit discharge along a creekside trail, we ask that you briefly describe the discharge, locate the discharge using a handheld GPS unit or another method, and report this information to the Department of Stormwater Management through our web site at [www.elizabethtownky.org](http://www.elizabethtownky.org), by telephone at 765-6121, ext. 328, or in person at 200 West Dixie Avenue. The City will follow up on your report by investigating the source of the discharge. If the suspicious flow is determined to be an illicit discharge, measures will be taken by the City to remove these flows from the stormwater system.

The City of Elizabethtown appreciates the opportunity to partner with Greenspace, Inc. in the Creekwatch Program to improve our community's water quality and creekside habitat.



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**Get on the Creekwatch team. What are you waiting for? Here's how.**

See a suspicious dry weather flow or other illicit discharge?

**Describe it.....**

**Locate it.....** (tip: use your handheld GPS unit if you have one)

**Report it.....**

through our web site at [www.elizabethtownky.org](http://www.elizabethtownky.org) or hike down in person to City Hall, Department of Stormwater Management, 200 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. You can also phone us with your information at (270) 765-6121, extension 328.

You can be a part of the Creekwatch team and help improve our community's water quality and creekside habitat.