



# BasinBriefs



A Periodic Update of Wet Weather News and Progress throughout the Eastern, Northern and Southern Basins of Allegheny County

November 2005

## 3RWW Mapping Project

As the foliage continues to drop from the trees allowing clear satellite signals, 3RWW GIS Mapping Crews are preparing to complete a final survey through communities (by sewershed) to obtain critical sewer data as outlined in the Administrative Consent Orders (ACOs). Using high-precision satellite GPS and conventional surveying methods, crews will gather uniform, accurate mapping data, which will be accessible to municipalities through the new Municipal Data Support Web Site. *(See related story.)* Mapping crews will notify managers when they plan to be in their community and request assistance with traffic control and clearing right of ways, which will help crews to more easily locate critical sewers.

## Regional Flow Monitoring Plan Update

The Flow Monitoring Work Group (FMWG) over the last six months has made great progress on developing a regional flow monitoring plan. Workshops were held by sewershed to fine tune the flow monitor placement and a preliminary draft plan was submitted on behalf of 79 participating communities to ALCOSAN on June 1. Using ALCOSAN's comments as a guide, the FMWG is now working to refine the plan and submit it back to ALCOSAN by December 1. Municipalities were asked to sign a consent form by November 1 to participate in this draft plan. A final regional flow monitoring plan must be submitted to the regulatory agencies by June 1, 2006.

## Municipal Data Support Web Site

3 Rivers Wet Weather, in partnership with Landbase Systems, is pleased to

provide an important online compliance tool called the Municipal Data Support Site. This web tool helps to collect, organize, process, and/or report on data, such as manhole inspections, mapping updates and CCTV results as required by the administrative consent orders. The site also

contains resources including: • access to 3RWW project results (i.e., GPS mapping data and flow monitoring reports) • latest versions of field tool software • off-site data backup • a place for logging comments or concerns • answers to data-related questions.

A data account on the 3RWW Municipal Data Support site is only accessible by the account owner (and/or their designated municipal data representative) and designated 3RWW support staff. The 3RWW data policy does not allow transfer of or digital access to municipal data by any entity outside 3RWW and the account owner without prior written approval from the municipal data owner. To access the site from 3RWW home page, click on "Municipalities" in the upper menu bar, or go directly to the log in page: [www.3riverswetweather.org/mds/](http://www.3riverswetweather.org/mds/)

## Public Outreach Campaign

3RWW will soon be launching a mass public outreach campaign to help communities educate their residents

about the watershed we live in and everyone's vital role in helping to protect and preserve the watershed and our region's water quality. The campaign will begin in early 2006 and will include a series of educational newspaper ads (that can also be used as posters, municipal

As we reflect on 2005 and plan for the coming year, we are thankful for your commitment and collaboration on improving our water quality. We wish you a joyous holiday season and prosperous new year.

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newsletter inserts, etc.), expanded broadcast TV coverage, a hands-on water quality curriculum for middle school students, partnerships with other environmental organizations interested in improving water quality and a variety of other grassroots communication techniques.

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