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## **Doing Our Part for Clean Water**

**Did you Know?** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, administers a program under the Colorado Water Quality Act that regulates discharges of stormwater to state waters? Purpose of the regulation is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering streams, lakes and rivers as a result of runoff from industrial areas, construction sites and urban areas. The regulation is administered by the use of **discharge permits**, which authorize the permittee to discharge stormwater from their facility or site to state waters. In compliance with this regulation, Mapleton Public Schools requested and received a discharge permit for the **Skyview Campus**.

**Stormwater Management Plan.** A part of the permit application process included development of a five-year Stormwater Management Plan. Key components of the plan are the following: (1) Public Education and Outreach; (2) Public Participation and Involvement; (3) Illicit Discharge and Detection; (4) Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control; (5) Post-Construction Stormwater Management; (6) Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping. A second five-year plan for the Skyview site has now been developed and approved.

**The Future.** The new plan will cover the next five-year period. You will see actions and activities during this period that support these six key components of the Stormwater Management Plan. Indeed, Mapleton Public Schools is doing our part to keep Colorado's waters clean and safe.

### **Important Clean Water Educational Resources:**

- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/eduinfo.html>
- <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm>
- <http://www.ourwater.org/getinformed.html>

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