



STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Each time it rains, or as snow melts, water washes across roof tops, yards, driveways, sidewalks and streets, picking up potentially polluting substances and/or materials along the way. The storm water flows into the creeks and streams in our community, either by sub-grade storm water pipe networks or surface drainage. These storm water discharges enter the creeks and streams without any type of treatment that could nullify or remove the potential pollutants.

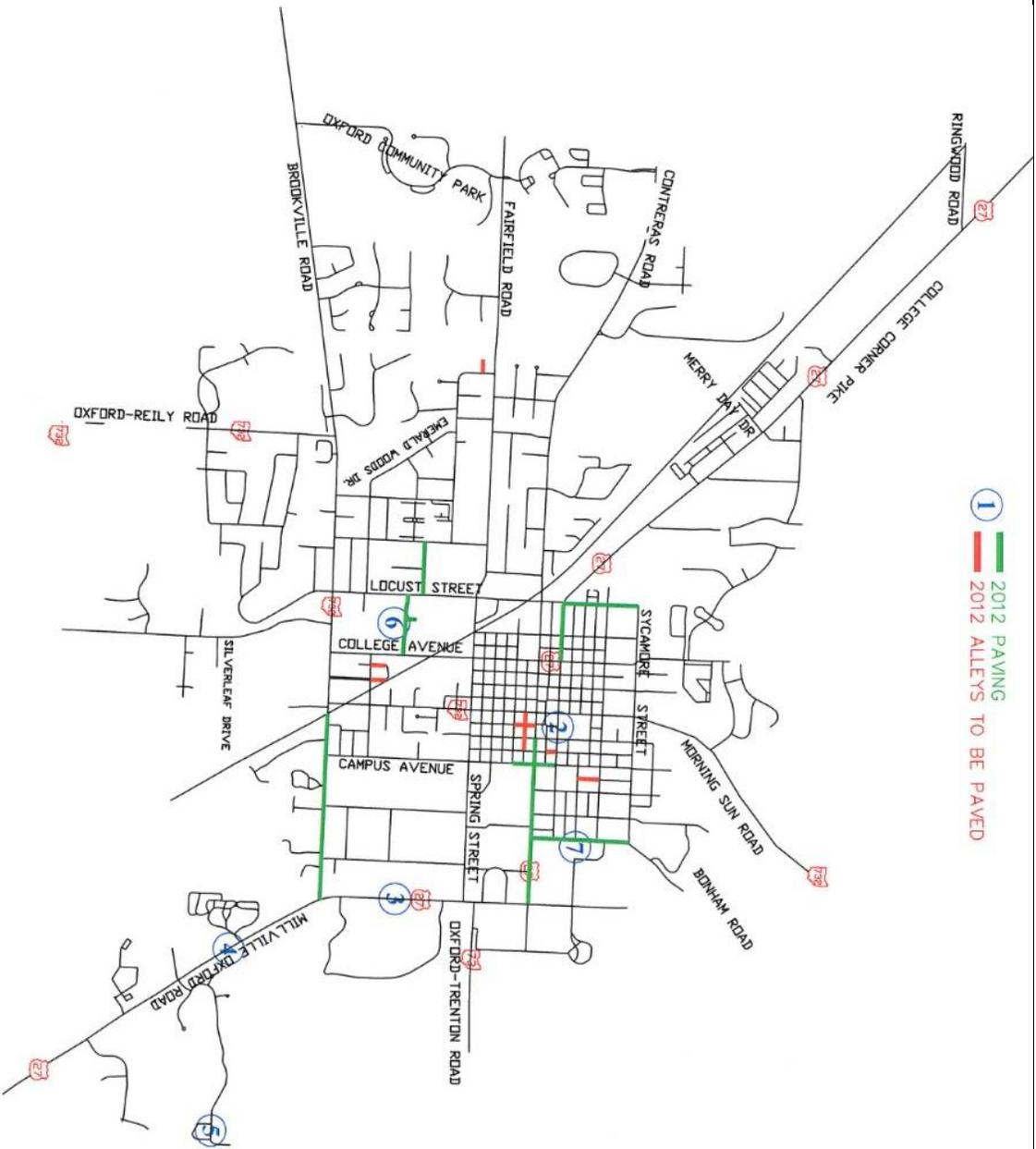
Polluting materials and substances that can impact storm water runoff (and ultimately surface water quality) can include motor vehicle fluids (motor oil, anti-freeze, grease, and gasoline and diesel fuels), lawn chemicals (herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers), sediment from exposed soils, pet wastes, litter, yard wastes, and other potentially water quality degrading items and/or toxins. Known as “non-point” source pollution, it is considered the largest threat and source of surface water quality impairment. While most of the potential pollutants are inadvertently released into the environment, some are the result of intentional actions - directly dumped into drainage channels or storm water drains as a method of disposal.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP...

- Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes (paint, used motor oil and other automotive fluids, etc.). Butler County offers a household hazardous waste drop-off service and programs for disposal of other materials at no direct cost to County residents. Contact the City of Oxford at 524-5274 if you need assistance in determining disposal options of unwanted materials, or visit <http://butlercountyrecycles.org/>.
- Use lawn and yard chemicals sparingly, following the manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions. Sweep the yard chemicals off of driveways, sidewalks, and out of street-side gutters.
- Keep yard waste, grass cuttings, trash, litter, and dirt off of the street and out of gutters.
- Clean up after pets.
- Wash vehicles at a car wash business facility to allow capture of wash and rinse waters.
- Properly maintain your vehicles by promptly repairing or sealing leaks and by cleaning up spills.

Even these minor actions, if taken by many, can have a significant impact on reducing the community's potential negative impacts to stream water quality.

2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



1. Street and Alley Resurfacing Project
2. High St. Brick Rehabilitation (Between Main St. & Poplar St.)
3. Patterson Ave. Water Main Project
4. BUT-27-10.92 (R/W acquisition only during 2012)
5. Waste Water Treatment Plant (improvements to the facility)
6. Foxfire Drive (curb, gutter & sidewalk removal and replacement)
7. Tallawanda Road (curb, gutter & sidewalk removal and replacement)