



## **ILLICIT DISCHARGES TO STORMSEWER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE BOROUGH**

Federal regulations define an illicit discharge as any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Illicit discharges are illegal and must be eliminated.

Article VIII of the Borough's Stormwater Ordinance addresses provisions related to illicit discharges to stormsewer systems within the Borough of Parkesburg.

Sources of illicit discharges include: sanitary wastewater, failing septic systems, car wash waste water, improper oil disposal, radiator flushing disposal, spills from roadway accidents, improper disposal of household toxics, improper use of pesticides, and improper use of herbicides.

Illicit discharges enter the stormsewer system either through direct connections (deliberate pipe hookups to storm piping) or indirect connections (spills collected by stormwater inlets or intentional dumping into stormwater inlets). These illicit discharges drain directly to the surface waters including Little Buck Run. These illicit discharges may contain significant concentrations of harmful contaminants or toxic substances. These pollutants degrade the water quality resulting in adverse impacts to aquatic life, wildlife, and human health.

