What is a BMP?

BMP, or best management practice, describes both structural or engineered control devices and systems (e.g. retention ponds) to treat polluted stormwater, as well as operational or procedural practices (e.g. minimizing use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides).

Stormwater is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or snows. The water then flows into storm drains that eventually discharge into our creeks. The problem is the water picks up debris, chemicals, and other pollutants as it flows across the ground. These pollutants end up in our stream. Stormwater BMPs can help reduce the amount of pollutants that end up in our streams. Take a look at our Story Map and see the different BMPs around York County.

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1 Roof Park/Fairview Township, Riparian Forest Buffer

2 & 3 Manchester Township Municipal Complex, Bioswale

4 Rite Aid, Rain Garden

5 Nixon County Park/Springfield Township, Stream Restoration and Constructed Wetlands

6 Sunset Park/West Manchester Township, Bioretention

7 & 8 Laucks Memorial Park/Windsor Borough, Stream Restoration and Riparian Buffer

9 & 10 Rail Trail/ Market and Kings Mill, Pervious Pavement

TO ACCESS THE STORY MAP OF THE STORMWATER BMP SELF-GUIDED TOUR: [http://arcg.is/2hlXdQu](http://arcg.is/2hlXdQu)