

***If you see anything in Town of an environmental concern such as a spill, illicit discharge, illegal dumping, etc. please call the Veazie Town Office at 947-2781***

***What is Stormwater?***

Stormwater is the runoff water that is created after rainfall or snowmelt events and often picks up and carries pollutants from the surfaces it runs over on its way to our rivers and streams. These surfaces include streets, parking lots, rooftops, lawns- just about any surface one could imagine. Each surface can contain a variety of pollutants, from sand, salt, oil to cigarette butts to pet waste and fertilizer.

***Why do we care about Stormwater?***

The pollutants mentioned above are all things that we do not want in our waterways because they adversely affect water quality. These pollutants discharge untreated directly into the same waterways that we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking.

***What can we do about Stormwater?***

The Town participates in the Bangor Area Stormwater Group, a regional group focused on reducing the effects of Stormwater in the greater Bangor area. All of the entities involved in this group are required to be involved per state and federal laws. The group works to educate the general public about the effects of Stormwater and encourages people to be conscious of the effects of their pet wastes left on the ground or the fertilizers they use on their lawn, for example. The group provides information on safer alternatives such as picking up the pet waste and using safer, chemical-free lawn maintenance techniques that really do work.

***Where in Veazie would I find Stormwater?***

Stormwater is everywhere in Veazie. Under State and Federal laws, the entire Town is subject to strict Stormwater regulatory requirements due to the population density in the greater Bangor area. Additionally, the Town has designated the “Meadow Brook” watershed as its “priority watershed”. This area is located southwest of Chase Road and flows to Penjajawoc Stream, which is designated as an urban impaired stream in the City of Bangor. An urban impaired waterbody is one that does not meet basic minimum requirements for water quality due to pollutants affecting the stream from urban activities.

**For the Bangor Area Storm Water Group (BASWG) monthly meeting agenda, please [follow this link](#).**