



Don't Duck Your Responsibilities!  
Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution!

**FACT ONE**



Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that doesn't soak into the ground, but runs off into our waterways

**FACT TWO**



More than 50% of Estuaries in Suffolk County are negatively impacted by PATHOGENS or NUTRIENTS due to stormwater runoff

**FACT THREE**



PATHOGENS in a waterbody can lead to bathing beach and shellfish bed closures

**FACT FOUR**



Excess NUTRIENTS can lead to eutrophication, harmful algal blooms, and hypoxia

For more information on Stormwater:  
Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program  
<https://www.suffolkstormwater.com/>



## Background

In 2002, the US EPA initiated the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program which requires municipalities such as Suffolk County to implement Best Management Practices to control polluted stormwater runoff.

## Our Role

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County works with Suffolk County officials and other municipalities on Long Island to help educate and develop program strategies so that the impacts of stormwater runoff to sensitive waterbodies are minimized.

## Nutrients

Suffolk County has initiated a [Healthy Lawns Clean Water](#) campaign to education on proper fertilizer use. Suffolk County has also initiated the [Reclaim Our Water](#) initiative to support innovative and alternative septic systems though grants and loans to homeowners.

## Pathogens

Remember to always pick up after your pet, and not to feed the waterfowl as their waste contains pathogens that can make it unsafe for swimming and eating shellfish harvested from our waters.

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# Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program



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