

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Water Management Plan

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This section outlines how the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's (NMCWD's) implementation program will affect local government in terms of cost and administrative issues.

The NMCWD's intention is to work cooperatively with its municipalities, and to limit additional requirements imposed upon local units of government as much as possible while still accomplishing the District's purposes and implementing the Plan. The District's implementation program will be funded through tax levies. The District taxes would not affect local unit of government's levy limits. However, there would be a financial impact to the residents of the cities and townships that reside in the NMCWD's watershed.

Some of the implementation program elements reflect the goals, policies, and requirements of state and regional units of government that local units of government would need to address in any case.

The majority of the municipalities already have ordinances or other regulatory controls in place that address many of the NMCWD requirements. Applicable ordinances or other regulatory controls address shorelands, floodplains, wetland protection, stormwater management, erosion control, and stormwater system maintenance. Local governments must adopt the MDNR's Shoreland management regulations, if required by the MDNR.

The District will work with the Cities on the initial stages of the permitting process to address District goals and objectives. The Cities may have to update and/or adopt ordinances or other regulatory controls to meet the goals and objectives of this Plan.

In 2007, the District will be revising its Rules and Regulations and will consider the development of performance standards in cooperation with the municipalities.