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LANCASTER COUNTY CONESTOGA RIVER DISCHARGE CASE SETTLED

EPA Region III recently announced settlement of a case involving untreated discharge of sewage and other pollutants to the Conestoga River under the Clean Water Act. The case relates to combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and pump stations are to be improved to reduce sewer overflows through a comprehensive long term plan to improve the ability of the entire City of Lancaster wastewater system to handle flows.

Pennsylvania DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell praised the settlement as "reducing sewer overflows makes our streams and rivers cleaner and better places for fish, wildlife and people".

Lancaster has five CSO outfalls, which overflowed at least 392 times in the last five years, discharging 3.8 billion gallons of untreated water into the River. The Conestoga River is a tributary of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. The CSOs contain not only stormwater but also untreated human and industrial waste, toxic materials and debris. The City will pay a \$135,000 Civil Penalty, and will implement a \$1.8 million supplemental environmental project. Also included is restoration of a 1,350 foot segment of a local waterway called Groff's Run, and Groff's Run will reconnect wetlands to Conestoga River protecting water quality and reducing localized flooding.

For more information on the CSO Settlement click [here](#)



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