

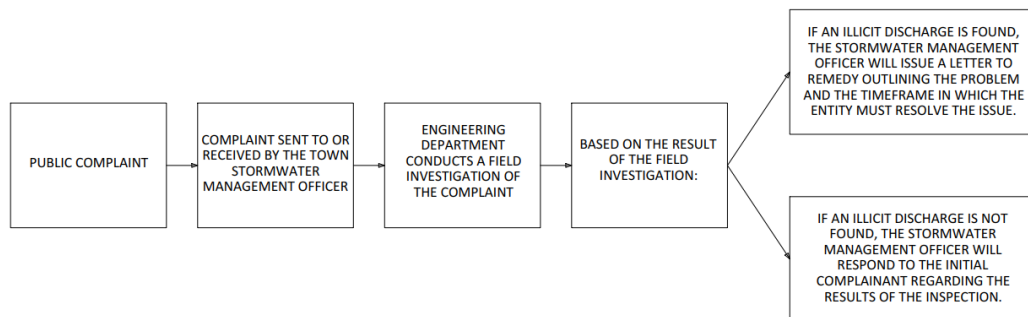
Appendix E: Illicit Discharge, Detection, and Elimination Program

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION PROGRAM

Health Department: The Tompkins County Health Department annually reports illicit discharges in the form of sewage system replacement permits. These are permits where a documented surface discharge is observed whether by complaint or the owner's permit application. Onsite sewage systems are regulated under the sanitary code, the responsibility for both abatement and enforcement lies with the Health Department.

Town of Ithaca IDDE Inspections: The Town of Ithaca has an Outfall Reconnaissance Investigation Program (ORI) in which we conduct inspections of all outfalls within the MS4 boundaries including the additionally designated areas once per permit cycle. The ORI procedure was based on Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Manual by the Center for Watershed Protection dated 2004. We have incorporated the field inspection form into ESRI Survey 123, a web-based software with GPS coordinate capabilities to make the field inspection portion more user friendly. Once the inspections have been completed, they are then exported to pdf files and saved on our Town server by year.

Illicit discharges not directly related to the ORI Program would be handled on a complaint basis, see IDDE flow chart below. For further enforcement actions see Appendix M



A copy of the original Outfall Reconnaissance Inventory Inspection sheet can be found below.