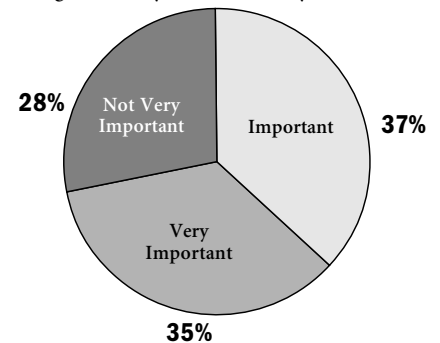


And The Survey Says . . .

Storm Water Management Survey Provides Useful Information

New regulations and increased development pressure is making storm water management an important issue. Many municipalities are actively implementing storm water management programs. To learn from these experiences, Vierbicher Associates conducted a survey of more than 400 communities to obtain information regarding current issues and effective strategies being used. Following are the results from the responses we received.

How important of an issue is Storm Water Management in your community?

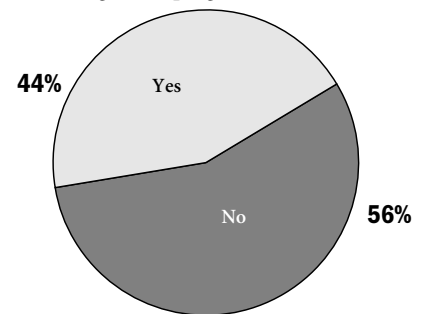


“Survey Results Show Trends”

An analysis of the survey responses show the following:

- Storm water management is more important in larger communities. Fifty-eight percent of communities with a population greater than 10,000 have an active storm water management program versus only 35 percent with a population less than 10,000.
- Compared to five years ago, localized flooding is reported to be the same in 50 percent of communities, better in 37 percent and worse in 13 percent. In communities with a population over 5,000, 25 percent reported localized flooding to be worse.

Does your community have an active storm water management program?

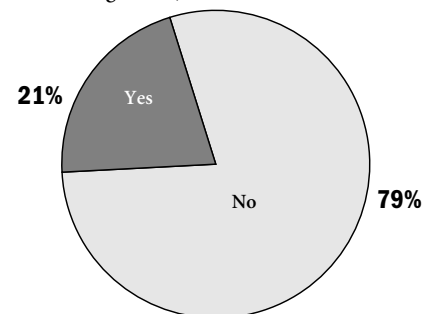


“Communities Planning To Implement Storm Water Management Activities”

The survey results show that over 50 percent of communities are proposing to implement storm water management activities in the next two years. Specific activities (in order of frequency proposed) include:

- Storm Water Management Plans
- Storm Water Ordinances
- Storm Water Utilities
- Erosion Control Ordinances
- Detention Basins
- Adopt Impact Fees
- Water Quality Monitoring Program
- State and Federal Grants
- Public Education Program

Does your community jointly manage storm water with adjoining communities (Watershed-based Management)?



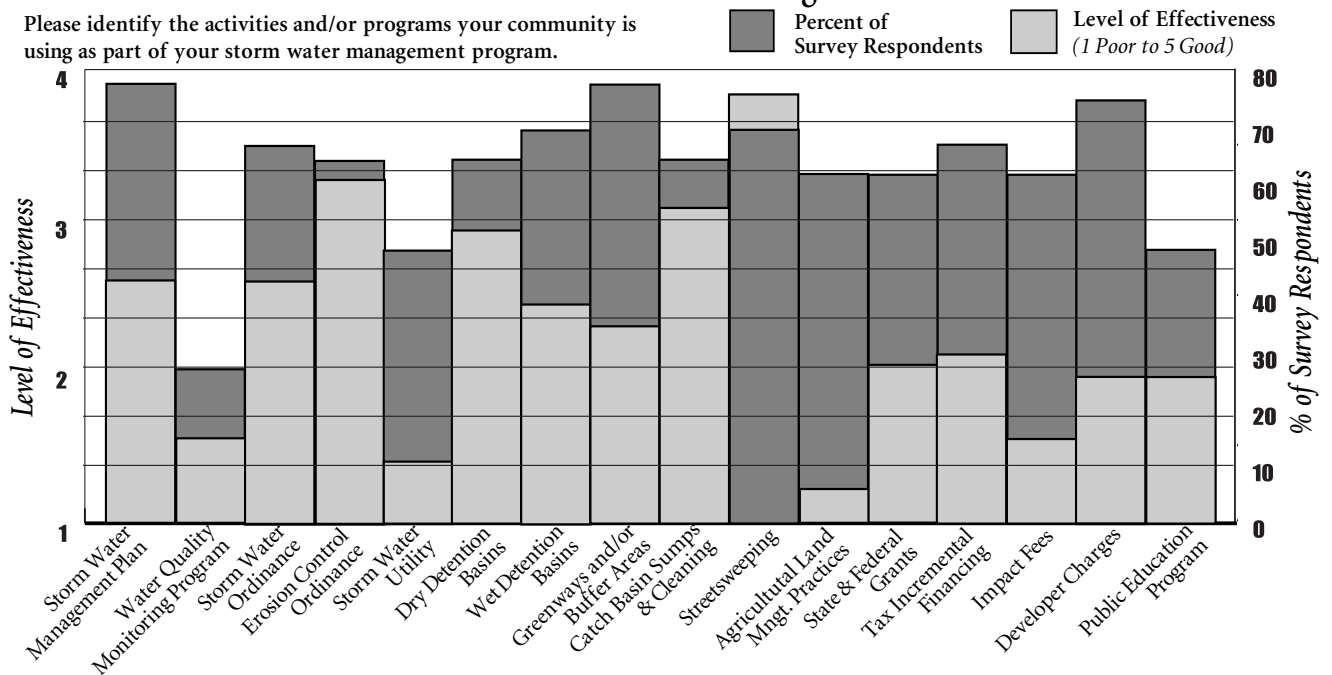
The Top Ten Tools For Storm Water Management

The following list was compiled by summing each tool's rank by use and rank by perceived effectiveness.

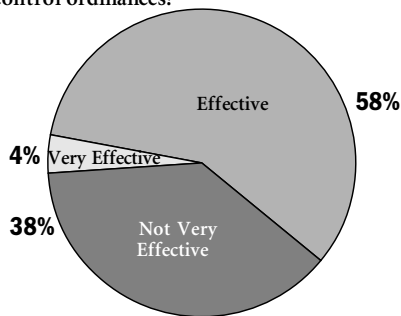
1. Streetsweeping
2. Erosion Control Ordinance
3. Catch Basin Sumps & Cleaning
4. Storm Water Management Plan
5. Dry Detention Basins
6. Storm Water Ordinance
7. Greenways and/or Buffer Areas
8. Wet Detention Basins
9. Developer Charges
10. Tax Incremental Financing

“Use Versus Perceived Effectiveness Of Storm Water Management Activities”

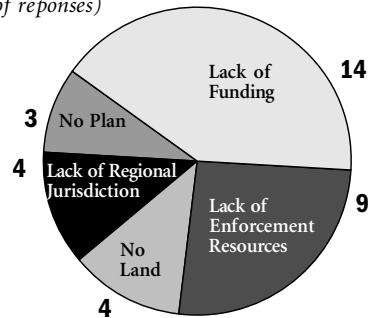
Please identify the activities and/or programs your community is using as part of your storm water management program.



How effective is the enforcement of your community's storm water and/or erosion control ordinances?



What, if any, barriers exist which deter successful storm water management in your community? (Numbers represent actual number of responses)



“EPA Passes Final Rules For Storm Water Program”

On October 29, 1999, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) passed the final rule for the regulation of Storm Water Phase II, under the Clean Water Act.

Primarily the EPA has identified over 5,000 government entities across the country who are affected. These government entities must be in compliance by 2003.

For more information on the National Storm Water regulations, visit EPA's web page at: www.epa.gov/owm/sw/phase2/final.htm

Vierbicher Can Help!

Vierbicher Associates, Inc., offers substantial Storm Water Management experience. Our in-house capability includes water resource engineers, water resource planners, hydrogeologists, GIS specialists, surveyors, grant writers, and Tax Incremental Financing. This wide range of expertise allows us to develop creative solutions for complex issues.

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