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## WAYNE COUNTY STENCILING STORM DRAINS FOR CLEANER WATER

**Wayne County, Michigan** – Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano is reminding residents that storm drains aren't garbage cans. On October 13, Ficano will kick off the County's storm drain stenciling program at the Department of Public Services' Central Maintenance Yard.

The project helps protect the environment by marking storm drains that discharge directly into county waterways. Joined by the Wayne County Department of Environment and the Department of Public Services' Roads Division, the project will mark storm drains with the stenciled message "**Dump No Waste, Drains to River**".

While thousands of storm drains in the Rouge River Watershed have been marked by local governments and volunteer groups over the years, this is the first year that signs will be applied to Wayne County – owned and operated facilities that have storm drains in their parking lots or on their grounds in western Wayne County. These separate storm drains go directly into waterways and are not treated by wastewater treatment facilities.

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“This is a simple project with tremendous return for our local environment,” said County Executive Ficano, “We have to remember that waste dumped into storm drains, like chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, paint, and lawn fertilizers can poison fish, frogs, turtles, birds and other aquatic animals who depend on clean water. Keeping storm drains clean is one small way we can work for a cleaner environment.”

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