



# Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYS P21) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

## Pollution Prevention Education for Municipal Operations

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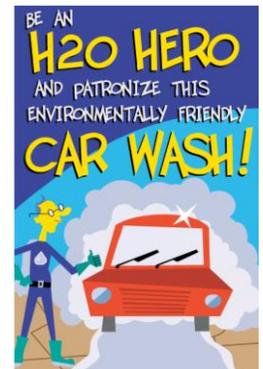


### *Project Description*

The Monroe County Dept. of Environmental Services is committed to protecting the county's land and water from pollution. To control the magnitude of industrial and residential solid waste and wastewater generated by our society demands a coordinated, comprehensive and forward-looking approach. The Department of Environmental Services is very collaborative in nature to address and minimize the adverse impacts that Monroe County's population has on its surrounding land and waterways.

Monroe County is also the home of the Stormwater Coalition, a collaboration of towns, villages, and organizations, an organization established to meet the requirements of federal stormwater regulations and improve water quality in a cost effective manner.

The goal of the *Pollution Prevention Education for Municipal Operations* project is to provide training tools in municipal pollution prevention to regulated municipalities throughout New York State. Four educational posters will be designed and printed to serve as a reminder to municipal staff to take measures in their daily routine to protect water quality. In addition, the project will utilize the New York Stormwater Regional Training Centers (a partnership of four organizations: The Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Central NY Regional Planning and Development Board and the Saratoga and Orange County Cornell Cooperative Extensions) to conduct a training session in each region by promoting the reduction of stormwater pollution through the use of the educational posters.



*Monroe County's 2006 poster promoting environmentally friendly vehicle washing practices*

### *Project Status*

The educational posters are in the design stage. The project will not only increase knowledge of stormwater runoff and best management practices to reduce the impact of municipal operations on water quality but also establish these practices as a routine for municipal operations through training and the constant reminders from the posters.

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