

ALCOSAN Draft Wet Weather Plan  
Public Outreach – ALCOSAN Open House Wet Weather Village (2012)



The ALCOSAN Open House provided visitors an opportunity to talk one-on-one with the team responsible for compiling the draft Wet Weather Plan – both ALCOSAN and consultants - as well as to see examples of technologies employed to address sewer overflows. While the issue of sewer overflows has been a focal point for each Open House, emphasis was placed on the release of the draft Plan since the Open House occurred in the middle of the public comment process.

The ALCOSAN Wet Weather Village was introduced in 2012, consisting of seven distinct areas focused on different aspects of the Plan and associated wet weather issues. This new concept was highlighted in Open House advertising to promote interest in the Plan among potential event attendees. The following description of the Village from the Open House Visitor's Guide provides a general description for each of those areas and what visitors would learn:



Walk through a sewer pipe and flow into Wet Weather Village. Our team is on hand to provide information and answer questions about the sewer overflow problems and control solutions, the Draft Wet Weather Plan, and more:

**Remove It** — Learn about ALCOSAN's overflow control programs including stream removal, solids and floatables assessment, and storm drain stenciling. See "how to" steps for disconnecting downspouts and connecting rain barrels; ways in which you can help to remove stormwater from the sewage collection system.

**Green Infrastructure** — Information is provided on green programs plus a demonstration of pervious versus impervious surfaces.

**Move It Hold It Treat It** — Computer models and diagrams demonstrate the overflow control solutions proposed in the Draft Wet Weather Plan: treatment plant expansion, retention treatment basins, storage tanks, and underground tunnels.

**Wet Weather Plan** — Professionals who researched and developed the Draft Wet Weather Plan will discuss the planning process, show components of the Plan, and answer questions.

**Public Comment** — Public comments about the Draft Wet Weather Plan can be registered at the booth, at one of the scheduled public meetings, or on our website at [www.alcosan.org](http://www.alcosan.org) until October 19. All comments will be submitted to the regulatory agencies along with the Plan. Staff will guide you through the registration process, provide meeting schedules and answer questions.

**Where Does It Flow? / 3 Rivers Wet Weather Program** — Follow the flow of stormwater from your watershed and learn about RainWays, the 3 Rivers Wet Weather green infrastructure tool to assist property owners in finding green solutions to wet weather problems.

**Environmental Jeopardy** — Two new categories will test your knowledge of information provided in the Wet Weather Village. Play the game to win an evergreen seedling.



Education about sewer overflows was not limited to just the Wet Weather Village. There were 35 additional exhibits, 15 of which focused on issues ranging from pollution prevention and green infrastructure to stormwater runoff and protecting aquatic habitat.

Upon leaving, all guests received a copy of the draft Wet Weather Plan's Companion booklet and a schedule of public meetings. Attendance for the 2012 event was slightly over 2,000.