

## GCSA Goals:

- Provide employee training on a variety of topics, including pollution control, resources, regulatory issues, and permit compliance.
- Assist members with preparation and updating of stormwater maps.
- Prepare regional and local maps of and technical data about 303(d) impaired and TMDL waterbodies within GCSA areas.
- Provide time-sensitive updates on topical issues of concern via fact sheets, emails and news bulletins.
- Support local city councils and county commissions with timely information about the regulatory stormwater program and GCSA.
- Provide regional public education assistance, including GCSA website, brochures, and outreach to professional organizations.
- Conduct and assist with regional water quality sampling programs and 303(d) / TMDL studies.
- Host workshops and conferences on stormwater issues.

## Additional Resources:

Visit the Green Country Stormwater Alliance website listed below for more details about stormwater protection, including pollution control Best Management Practices (BMPs), recycling, guidance, public education and more.



**Green Country Stormwater Alliance**  
[www.stormwaterok.net](http://www.stormwaterok.net)

## Contact Information For:

**Local stormwater programs**, contact your city or county stormwater coordinator.

**State Stormwater regulatory program**, contact the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Water Quality Division at 405-702-8100, or visit the ODEQ web site at: [www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/stormwater/index.html](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/stormwater/index.html)

**INCOG's GCSA program**, including membership and resources for controlling local pollution, contact INCOG's Environmental and Energy Planning Division at (918) 584-7526 or email at [stormwater@incog.org](mailto:stormwater@incog.org).

**General information about water quality** within the INCOG area, visit the Environmental & Energy Planning webpage linked at [www.incog.org](http://www.incog.org).



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## A Closer Look at INCOG's:

# Green Country Stormwater Alliance



### History - Who We Are

In 1999, EPA finalized new "Phase II" stormwater regulations that would require permits on stormwater discharges from thousands of cities and counties across the nation. Most of these new permittees had populations under 20,000.

INCOG's member cities and counties listed in these new EPA "Phase II" regulations requested help from INCOG in understanding the new EPA mandates and to look for possible assistance from INCOG in meeting these new requirements.



INCOG began a comprehensive suite of support services using EPA grants to assist its membership. Eventually additional permitted cities joined in what became the Green Country Stormwater Alliance (GCSA).

Now that grant funding is no longer available, INCOG's GCSA program is self-sustaining by membership dues. With each Fiscal Year cycle, GCSA membership represents about half of all Phase II stormwater permittees in Oklahoma. Contact INCOG to learn more about GCSA and how to become a member.



### INCOG Services to GCSA

From 1999 to 2005, INCOG developed strategies and resources to help Phase II stormwater permittees obtain initial permit coverage, define local program activities, prepare documents, and jump-start public education programs.

Since 2005, INCOG has turned towards more technically difficult tasks of developing employee education programs and supporting GCSA members with resources and information on a multitude of policy and regulatory issues relating to permit compliance. INCOG continues to conduct water quality studies in its service area that directly benefit its GCSA membership. Principal areas of assistance are:

- Mapping and Data Services
- Water Quality Sampling & Issues
- Stormwater Management Plan Support
- Annual Report Issues and Support
- Program Audits by ODEQ
- Employee Training
- Researching Technical & Regulatory Issues
- Hosting Workshops & Conferences
- Representing GCSA on State Work Groups
- General Permit Revision Committees
- Regional Public Education Programs
- Technical Research and Guidance

### Why GCSA Is Important

- Frequent changes in **EPA policies and regulations** and in State General Permits require constant vigilance.
- New **technically difficult initiatives**, such as Low Impact Development (LID) or BMP Effectiveness Monitoring, must be implemented by permittees.
- **Regional programs** such as Employee Training and Public Education are cost-effective and more efficient.
- **Technical resources** are not usually available for smaller cities, such as water quality chemistry and biology, how to perform sampling, exposures to hazardous chemicals, and environmental rules.
- **Changes in city staff and Councils** require refreshing of knowledge about the stormwater program.



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This brochure describes the many benefits that GCSA Members enjoy through sharing of resources, membership communications, and having comprehensive technical assistance from INCOG. Contact INCOG for more information about GCSA services at (918) 584-7526 or email [stormwater@incog.org](mailto:stormwater@incog.org).