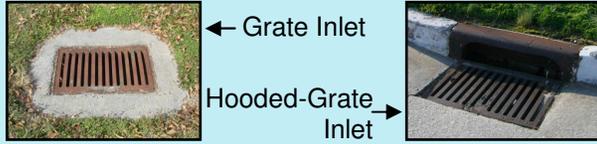


What is a storm drainage structure?

Structures that collect, carry and/or release stormwater are considered storm drainage structures. Some examples of typical storm drainage structures are shown below.

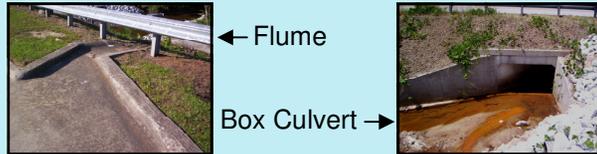


← Grate Inlet

Hooded-Grate Inlet →



↑ Catch Basins



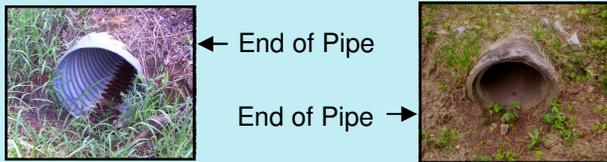
← Flume

Box Culvert →



↑ Pedestal Inlet

↑ Junction Box



← End of Pipe

End of Pipe →



↑ Headwall

↑ Safety-End Section

↑ Flared-End Section



↑ Drainage Ditches and Grassed Swales

What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff is the portion of rainwater that is unable to soak into the ground.

Stormwater can pick up debris, trash, dirt, grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, chemicals, oil, grease, and other contaminants as it runs off of developed land.

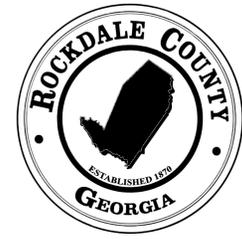
Stormwater runoff eventually flows into storm drain systems and releases into nearby lakes, rivers, creeks, streams or wetlands.

Anything that enters a storm drain system is released untreated into bodies of water used for swimming, fishing and drinking.



Please remember to:

- Keep stormwater pipes and structures around your property clear of dirt, yard debris and trash
- Keep drainage easements maintained, mowed and accessible by County personnel for inspections
- Never connect to the County's storm drain pipes, ditches, or structures without obtaining written approval from the Stormwater Utility first
- Never access the County's storm drain or pipe for any reason. If access is necessary, a confined-space certified person or professional crew (i.e. hired contractor or County personnel) should complete the work. Under no circumstances should a resident access County-owned infrastructure.
- Never blow, dump or drain anything into a storm drain, ditch or stream
- Notify the Stormwater Utility of any safety hazards within the County right-of-way, such as wide cracks, sinkholes, obstructed ditches, and clogged culverts
- Call the 24-Hour Hotline for any illegal dumping, illicit discharges or stormwater pollution
- Pay your Stormwater Utility fees, which are used for improving County-owned stormwater infrastructure



Rockdale County

Stormwater Utility

What are my stormwater responsibilities?



Administration & Services Building
 958 Milstead Avenue
 P.O. Box 1495
 Conyers, Georgia 30012

Office: 770-278-7155
 24-Hour Hotline: 770-278-7145
 Stormwater Events: 770-278-7142

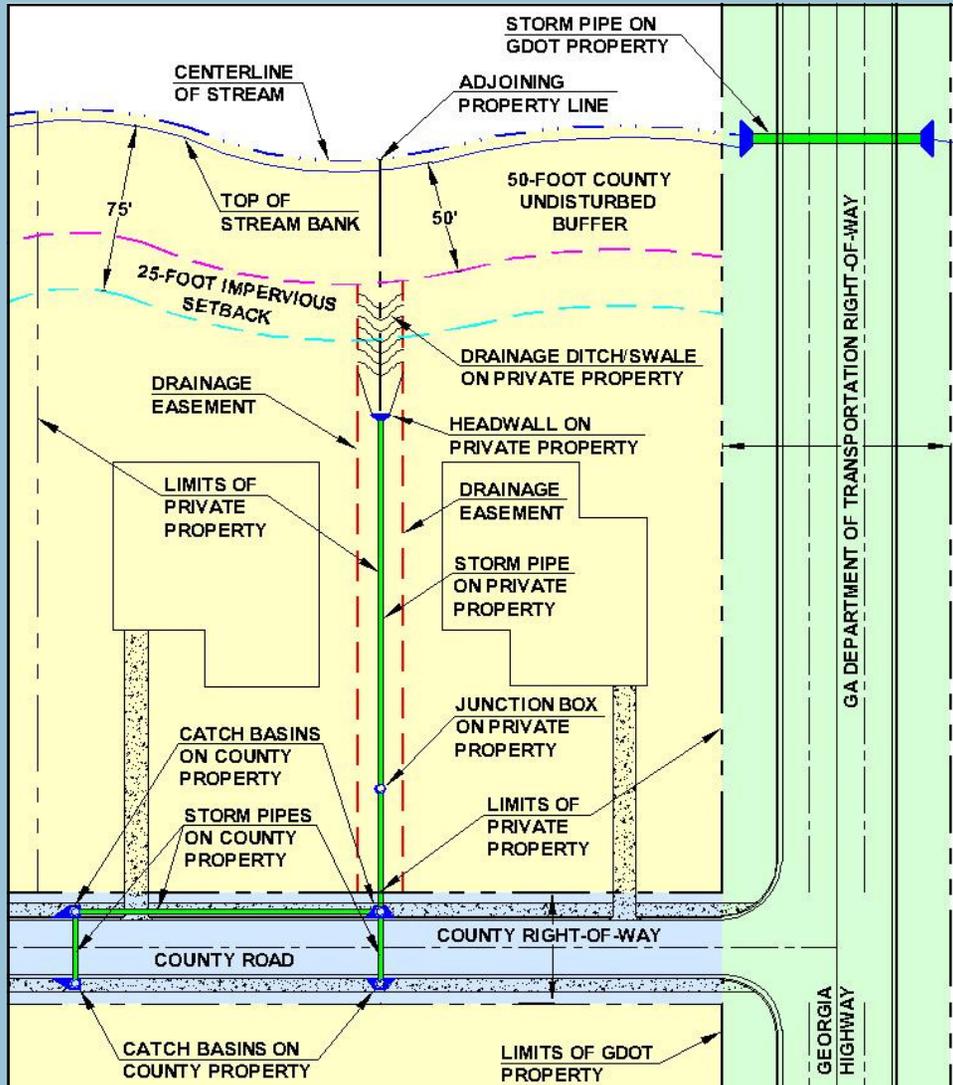
rscwu@rockdalecounty.org
Stormwater.Events@rockdalecounty.org
www.rockdalecounty.org

Who is responsible for maintaining storm drainage structures?

1. Rockdale County—Rockdale County maintains, repairs and replaces stormwater drainage systems that are located within Rockdale County-owned property, County rights-of-way and easements that have been officially accepted by Rockdale County for public use, according to the County's Unified Development Ordinance Section 310-134. Easements that are officially accepted by the County are described within a property deed or on a separate recorded easement document. All other easements shown on plats, or infrastructure located on private property are the responsibility of the property owner(s).

2. City of Conyers—Stormwater drainage systems that are located within the City of Conyers limits are outside the jurisdiction of Rockdale County and are the responsibility of the City.

3. Georgia D.O.T.—Stormwater drainage systems that are located within the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) rights-of-way are outside the jurisdiction of Rockdale County and are the responsibility of the GDOT. Dogwood and Iris Drive, Georgia Highway 138, 20, 212, 162 (Salem Road) and Interstate 20 are examples of roads within GDOT rights-of-way.



Example Diagram of Ownership

4. Property owners of Rockdale County

A. Drainage Easements/Private Property: Drainage easements are in place to ensure the necessary and unimpeded natural flow of stormwater runoff. Per Rockdale County policy, property owners are responsible for ensuring that the drainage system within their drainage easement or located on their property continues to function properly. The property owner must make certain that drainage structures on



their property do not become clogged, overgrown or otherwise blocked. Property owners may not block or redirect the natural flow of water. If the stormwater drainage system on private property is in need of cleaning, repair, maintenance, or replacement, it is the property owner's responsibility. Any modifications to the system will have to be approved and inspected by the Stormwater Utility to ensure it meets all local, State and Federal regulations.

B. Private Roads: Any drainage system within the limits of a private road must be maintained by the property owner(s).

C. Detention Ponds and other Best Management Practice (BMP) Facilities: Any BMP facility that is within the limits of private property must be maintained by the property owner(s). There may be some communities where an established homeowners association has by-laws addressing the maintenance responsibility of these facilities. The County has required recent developments to provide maintenance agreements and maintenance schedules as a condition of approval. All maintenance agreements are currently being enforced. If the



BMP on private property is in need of cleaning, repair, maintenance, or replacement, it is the property owner's responsibility. Any modifications to the BMP will have to be approved and inspected by the Stormwater Utility to ensure it meets all local, State and Federal regulations.



For more information, please contact the Stormwater Utility at 770-278-7100