

CREEK / CHANNEL MAINTENANCE

1. PURPOSE

- a. Develop standard operating procedures for maintaining creeks and channels.

2. PREPARATION

- a. Identify and maintain access and easements to the creeks/channels whenever possible.

3. PROCESS

a. Schedule

- Creeks are to be maintained per the Storm Water System Maintenance Plan schedule.

b. Inspection and Cleaning

- Do visual inspection of creek/channel crossings and identify any cleaning or repairs needed.
- Determine what manpower or equipment will be required.
- Determine method of cleaning that will be least damaging to the creek/channel and adjacent properties or utilities.
- Clean and remove unwanted material (debris, branches, soil) from the creek/channel and place it in a truck to be hauled away.

c. Repair

- Any needed repairs are to be documented and completed per the Storm Water System Maintenance Plan.
- Obtain Stream Alteration Permit as needed.

4. CLEAN-UP

a. Stabilize all disturbed soils.

b. When cleaning operation is complete, haul excess material to approved dewatering area. The liquids are to be discharged to the sanitary sewer.

c. Once the material in the decant area has dried, the solids are to be disposed of properly, in a landfill as required.

5. DOCUMENTATION

- a. Document creek/channel maintenance in Cityworks database with work orders for inspection, cleaning, and repair.