



The City of Cookeville is pleased to announce that Cookeville has been selected to participate in the Pilot Program for the Qualified Local Programs for the Construction General Permit. Cookeville was selected because we have developed an effective construction stormwater program of our own and have a solid regulatory program in place.

In order for Cookeville to achieve QLP status, we had to demonstrate that our Construction Stormwater Program meets or exceeds the provisions of the state's Construction General Permit. After being selected to participate in the QLP program, Cookeville will be able to administer our own Construction Stormwater Permitting Program at the local level without duplicating the review and approval process at the state level.

This means that once the City has met all the requirements (most likely in February, 2013) site owners or operators of new construction activities within the City of Cookeville will be required to submit paperwork and any fees to the City of Cookeville only, eliminating the time involved in getting Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Construction General Permit. Permit coverage through the Cookeville QLP Permit will authorize the operator of the construction activity to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity under both the state Construction General Permit and the Cookeville Construction Stormwater Program. Other required permits, such as the Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits (ARAP) will still be handled by TDEC.

As our QLP program comes online we will be having meetings to discuss the new permitting process with developers and engineers/surveyors so that everyone will be up to speed when the change occurs. We look forward to being able to serve the development community with this new program.