Term Acronym Description

Water Quality Measure of how suitable water is for a particular

type of use (such as drinking and bathing) based

on physical, chemical, and biological

characteristics such as temperature, turbidity, mineral content, and the presence of bacteria

Water Quality Planning, design, construction, operation,

Control maintenance and renewal of infrastructure to

remove suspended solids and other contaminants

from stormwater, either actively or passively

Watercourse Open channel, either natural or built or a

combination thereof, which gathers or carries surface water with some degree of regularity

Watercourse Measures employed to prevent or control the Erosion Control loosening and removal of soil from the bank

and/or bed of a watercourse by running water; may include bank or bed protection, grading modifications, watercourse realignment and

capacity improvements

Windrow Build-up of material (e.g., leaves, snow) left at the

bottom of a driveway, or along a curb