

## **Winter Tips from Chemung County's Stormwater Coalition...**

With colder weather here, Stormwater pollution prevention is just as important through these winter months as it is any other season. Because the ground freezes through these cold months, it acts like a hard surface similar to concrete therefore it no longer serves as a natural filter.

Pollutants accumulate in snow banks and ice all winter. When the snow melts, all the road salt, grit, litter and other pollutants are visible and often wash into our storm water systems.

With the addition of melted snow it is important to take steps to reduce potential pollution.

- \*Limit your salt application as it can be harmful to drinking water, plants and aquatic life.

- \*Always pick up pet waste as it is a source of harmful bacteria. The cooler temperature and frozen ground delay the decaying process and come Spring you will have an unpleasant sight waiting for you.

- \*Put litter in its proper place.

If you have questions about reducing water pollution, please contact your local Stormwater Coalition at (607) 796-2216