

What is a Stormwater Manhole?

Stormwater manholes are underground structures, typically made of concrete, designed to allow access to underground stormwater pipes, especially at junctions where multiple stormwater lines that collect runoff from various areas merge or change direction.

Manholes are used as points of entry for inspection, cleaning, maintenance, or water quality monitoring and sampling. Strategic placement of manholes throughout the storm system makes the operation and maintenance of the system more efficient, and ultimately, helps the infrastructure to last longer! You have likely seen several manhole covers around the City! They are solid, round, cast iron plates that protect the underground infrastructure and act as safety barriers to keep unauthorized humans, animals, and debris out of the manhole.

