2000 Urbanized Areas & 2010 Urbanized Areas

According to the 1999 Phase II Stormwater Rule, the universe of the regulated small MS4 program expands every ten years based on the decennial Census definition of urbanized area.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently completed the maps of 2010 urbanized areas. These maps can assist municipalities to determine which parts of their jurisdiction are located in the 2010 urbanized area where the MS4 program would apply.

For the 2010 Census, an urban area will comprise a densely settled core of census tracts and/or census blocks that meet minimum population density requirements, along with adjacent territory containing non-residential urban land uses as well as territory with low population density included to link outlying densely settled territory with the densely settled core. The Census Bureau identifies two types of urban areas:

a) Urbanized Areas of 50,000 or more people, and
b) Urban Clusters of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people.

Urban Clusters are not mapped as they are not subject to MS4 permits.

Urbanized Area - U.S. Census Bureau

- **2010 Urbanized Areas (Philadelphia and Pottstown)**
- **2000 Urbanized Areas (Philadelphia and Pottstown)**
- **Municipalities**
- **County Boundary**

**DATA SOURCES:**
- Administrative Boundaries and Watersheds - Chester County, 2015.

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