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Lampin Corporation of Uxbridge is **In Business for the Blackstone**

The Blackstone River Coalition (BRC) recently recognized Lampin Corporation, an Uxbridge-based employee owned company, for reducing the facility's stormwater impacts and being ***In Business for the Blackstone***.

Although the company has established several processes to minimize the impacts of their manufacturing processes, the ***In Business*** program raised the employees' awareness of opportunities to minimize the facility's impact on the surrounding ecosystems and protect the community's natural resources. Rick Mongeau, Lampin's VP General Manager, explained that "we have always been very focused on the effects of our activities on the inside; as ***In Business*** participants we now have a broadened spectrum and more control over the influence that our business has on the environment."

The Lampin employees instituted low/no-cost changes to increase infiltration of rain water, reduce volume of runoff, and prevent pollutants from entering local water bodies. By redirecting one of the building's gutter spouts to discharge roof runoff into a vegetated area, an annual average of 73,000 gallons of stormwater will now be filtered by the ground cover and returned to the water table, instead of spilling across the parking lot. This type of runoff can collect grease, oil, metals, and other contaminants before it flows into the storm drain which discharges into the nearest waterway. In addition to increasing the velocity of the natural flows of rivers and streams, stormwater runoff is the primary unaddressed cause of water pollution today.

Lampin employees are also now more conscientious of keeping the dumpster lid closed to prevent the escape of litter and ensure that rain and snow are not able to mix with the waste and leak out potentially toxic "dumpster juice" that could mix with the stormwater. Additionally, they routinely inspect the loading dock area after deliveries are received and promptly clean up any oil stains left by the trucks. These good housekeeping practices will help protect the quality of the community's rivers and lakes. The activities will also keep the facility's property clean, preserve the

integrity of their parking lot pavement, and minimize the risk of flooding on the property.

BRC's ***In Business for the Blackstone*** is a voluntary leadership program that educates small and mid-size companies in the watershed on the detriments of polluted stormwater runoff and encourages the adoption of good housekeeping practices that can reduce the risk of pollutants in their runoff. These practices are easy to adopt, have little or no related implementation cost, and can benefit the company's bottom line.

The program provides outreach materials, technical assistance, and public recognition to those interested in being better stewards. For more information, visit the "What We Are Doing" page at www.zaptheblackstone.org, or contact Dona Neely, ***In Business*** Coordinator, at 508-878-1728 or donaneely@zaptheblackstone.org.