

**Municipality/Organization:** Town of Essex

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## NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

### Part I. General Information

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**Printed Name:** Erik G Mansfield

**Title:** Wastewater Technician

**Date:** 4.25.05

## Part II. Self-Assessment

The Town has been continuing our stormwater sampling project and has been working with the BOH to eliminate illicit discharges to our stormwater system. I have written an illicit discharge by-law that will be presented and voted on at the May town meeting. Our sewer project is in full swing and nearing completion, we have been uncovering and blocking non-permitted drain lines. Several outfall locations have been identified as being in need of repair and we are working to fund these jobs. I have some funds available for mailings and I am working on getting a mailing together for future water bills. I have had no progress on the elementary school education as I have had little time to deal with this issue this year. As in past years funding is a concern as well as limited manpower. We are doing our best to implement new projects and hopefully when we have completed our sewer system in December 2005 we can put more man power toward this project.

**Part III. Summary of Minimum Control Measures**

**1. Public Education and Outreach**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 3
SX1 Revised	Hazardous Waste Day	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	HHWD is scheduled to be held on June 11 <sup>th</sup> .	We are planning to continue with HHWD around the same time.
SX2 Revised	Water Conservation	Water Dept. Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	Working on mailing for upcoming water bills.	More mailings.
SX3 Revised	Lawn & Garden	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	Working on mailings for upcoming water bills.	More mailings.
SX4 Revised	Classroom Education	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	No action taken.	Work with Elementary school.
Revised					
Revised					

**1a. Additions**


**2. Public Involvement and Participation**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 3
SX5 Revised	Drain Stencils	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	Continue Stencil program.	Continue with program.
SX6 Revised	Elementary School Projects	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	No action taken.	Will talk with Principal about appropriate grade.
SX7 Revised	Hazardous Waste Day	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	Tire collection and a battery collection.	See what else is out there.
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Revised					

**2a. Additions**


### 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 3
SX8 Revised	Identify Failing Septic Systems	Board of Health Elaine Wozney	See Attachment 1	Twenty-five failing systems were brought to the BOH attention and they were sent notices to correct.	Continue to identify.
SX9 Revised	Drain Connection Permit	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	New by-law written, will be presented at May 2005 Town meeting.	Anticipate a few permits due to disconnecting of drain lines during sewer project.
SX10 Revised	Stormwater Sampling	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	Continued with current program.	Continued with current program.
SX11 Revised	Outfall Inspections	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	Inspected a few basins after cleaning. Found that most met expectations.	Do a Fall inspection to see if twice a year is required.
SX24 Revised	Illicit Discharge Enforcement	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 2	By-law written, will present at May Town meeting.	Enforcement of new by-law.
Revised					

### 3a. Additions


**4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 3
SX12 Revised	Inspection and Maintenance	Conservation Commission	See Attachment 1	ConCom has been very good about inspections.	Continue with current practices.
SX13 Revised	Construction Entrances	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	No action taken.	Continue to be a nuisance to contractors about keeping roadways clean.
SX14 Revised	Silt Fence	Conservation Commission	See Attachment 1	ConCom has been very good about silt-fence inspections.	Continue with current practices.
SX25 Revised	Enforcement	Conservation Commission	See Attachment 2	No progress at this time.	Talk to ConCom about By-Law.
Revised					
Revised					

**4a. Additions**


**5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) -- Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities -- Permit Year 3
SX15 Revised	Alternative Pavers	Planning Board	See Attachment 1	Planning board has made this a suggestion.	Continue with current practices.
SX16 Revised	Catch Basins	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	No action taken.	Set up meetings with private road associations to work on details.
SX17 Revised	Street Curbing	Planning Board	See Attachment 1	Planning board has made this a suggestion.	Continue with current practices.
SX26 Revised	Enforcement	Conservation Commission	See Attachment 2	No action taken.	Work with ConCom to come up with a By-Law.
Revised					
Revised					

**5a. Additions**


**6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations**

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 3
SX18 Revised	Truck Wash Bay	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	New garage is still in planning stage. Our hope is to out to bid in Summer 2005.	Construction of new highway garage.
SX19 Revised	Street Cleaning	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	We feel that at this time our street sweeping is adequate.	Continue to review.
SX20 Revised	Catch Basin Cleaning	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	Inspected a few basins after cleaning. Found that most met expectations	Do a Fall inspection to see if twice a year is required.
SX21 Revised	Drain Repair / Replacement	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	Found a few outfalls that need repair. A few drains were also identified as needing repair.	Work on funding repairs and identifying more.
SX22 Revised	Salt Storage	DPW Paul Goodwin	See Attachment 1	New salt storage building completed in November 2004.	Maintain good housekeeping practices.

**6a. Additions**




7. BMPs for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLA) <<if applicable>>

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 2 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 3
SX23 Revised	Public Sewer System	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 1	We are currently about 65% complete on our sewer project.	Projected completion by December 2005.
SX27 Revised	Outfall Map	Wastewater Erik Mansfield	See Attachment 2	Maintain and re-evaluate current map.	Maintain and re-evaluate current map.
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7a. Additions


7b. WLA Assessment

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

## **MEASURABLE GOALS**

- SX1** – Distribute flyers with information about what hazardous waste day is about and what it hopes to accomplish. Post banners around town to inform the public of dates and locations.
- SX2** – Send out flyers with water bills informing the public of the benefits of water conservation.
- SX3** – Distribute flyers to home owners and business owners on the effects of fertilizers and chemical lawn and garden products.
- SX4** – Work with Elementary School to develop a classroom education program.
- SX5** – Work with local girl and boy scouts on a drain stenciling program.
- SX6** – Work with the Elementary School with poster drawing and getting the children out into Town to see where the drains start and where they end.
- SX7** – Add more programs to the current hazardous waste day to increase amounts of materials.
- SX8** – Work with Board of Health to make sure we are made aware of all failing septic systems.
- SX9** – Continue to issue permits for all connections to the Towns storm drain systems.
- SX10** – Continue with the current storm water sampling program implemented in 1996.
- SX11** – Periodic inspections of outfalls to determine if street sweeping and catch basin cleaning is adequate.
- SX12** – Work with Conservation Commission to ensure construction site inspections are being performed and that the contractors are maintaining all barriers.
- SX13** – Visually inspect construction site entrances and exits to ensure streets are clean.
- SX14** – Work with Conservation Commission to ensure correct and proper placement of silt fences.
- SX15** – Work with the Planning Board to look at alternative pavers as an option for developments.
- SX16** – Visually inspect catch basins on private roads and work with homeowners to develop a plan that addresses cleaning and maintenance.
- SX17** – Work with Planning Board to reduce the amount of street curbing used in new developments.
- SX18** – Build a truck wash bay for cleaning Town vehicles. The Town has already appropriated the funds for this project.
- SX19** – Look at current street sweeping schedule and determine if it is adequate.
- SX20** – Look at current cleaning schedule and inspect basins in between cleanings to determine if it is adequate.
- SX21** – Repair broken drain lines and catch basins that may have collapsed.
- SX22** – Build a new salt storage facility. The Town has already appropriated the funds for this project.
- SX23** – Install a public sewer system. The Town of Essex is currently in the process of installing a public sewer system.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **MEASURABLE GOALS**

**SX24** – Create a Town wide Bylaw allowing fines for illicit discharges to the storm drain system. Work with Conservation Commission and Board of Health to create and enforce Bylaw.

**SX25** – Create a Town wide Bylaw allowing fines for construction site runoff violations. Work with Conservation Commission and Planning Board to create and enforce Bylaw outside of the wetlands protection area.

**SX26** – Create a Town wide Bylaw allowing fines for post construction site runoff violations. Work with Conservation Commission and Planning Board to create and enforce Bylaw outside of the wetlands protection area.

**SX27** – Maintain current outfall map and update when needed.

