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## NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

### Part I. General Information

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**Printed Name:** David Gould

**Title:** Environmental Manager

**Date:** 4/26/07

## **Part II. Self-Assessment**

**The Town of Plymouth has completed the required self-assessment and has determined that our municipality is in compliance with all permit conditions, except for the following provisions:**

- Part 1.B.2 (e) (Vi)**      **The Town of Plymouth’s permit eligibility with regard to the Endangered Species Act is still pending at the time of our NOI submission. Our MS4 discharges will have the potential to impact the existence of specific species protected under the Endangered Species Act. We will investigate more on this issue of concern.**
- Part 1.B.2 (k)**      **Some discharges have been determined (through DMF Sanitary Survey) to be contributing to exceedance of water quality standards in Plymouth Harbor. These discharges have been made priorities in our NPS Pollution Grant Program.**
- Part 11.B.8**      **The DPW Engineering and Planning Departments are working jointly on a “Guide for the Design of Storm Drainage Facilities in the Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts”. This Low Impact Development guideline document is currently in progress and is expected to be completed in 2007. The guidelines will be implemented as standards for the Town. The guidelines will include, but not limited to, the following tasks:**
- **Acceptable Best management Practices with specific reference to State of Massachusetts BMP standards including Low Impact Standards and Conventional Standards for various structures and functions including nutrient removal in harbors and ponds, total suspended solids(TSS) removal in streams, resource crossing regulations and standards including fish passage and openness ratios, and removal rates;**
  - **Plant selection guidelines for vegetated BMPs;**
  - **Water quality and water quantity management guidelines;**
  - **Design guidelines for BMPs Low Impact Design (LID) standards and Conventional Standard Design standards for various structures including those functions listed above;**
  - **Selection criteria for BMPs;**
  - **Incentives for implementing LID practices.**

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

**1. Public Education and Outreach**

<b>BMP ID #</b>	<b>BMP Description</b>	<b>Responsible Dept./Person Name</b>	<b>Measurable Goal(s)</b>	<b>Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 4 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)</b>	<b>Planned Activities – Permit Year 5</b>
1-1 Revised	Educational Flyer	Town Engineer/ Town Manager	Post in all schools & Town buildings	The Town is working in collaboration with Greenscapes in the distribution of brochures and pamphlets on BMP's. The Town has also placed educational posters in the DPW offices in the Town Hall facility.	Continue the distribution of information with Greenscapes.  Create educational handouts for children at Town Hall.
1-2 Revised	Form Public Education Task Force Educational Workshops	Town Engineer/ Environmental Manager Town Engineer/ Environmental Manager	Participation in town wide events & schools Schedule Workshops	Establishing the task force through advertisement and interviewing. Holding one workshop per year.	Selection of task force members.
1-3 Revised	Air stormwater message on local cable access channel Place stormwater message on Town Website	Town Engineer Town Engineer/ Environmental Manager	Post one message every month Post one message every month	None to date	Prepare and post content.
1-4 Revised	Storm Drain Stenciling Storm drain Markers	Town Engineer/Conservation Comm./Environmental Manager Environmental Manager	Stencil Storm Drains with Messages (25% each year) 50 per year	Have received the storm drain markers. 50 are all in place	Will work with local watershed groups to install the markers. Priorities: Harbor and rivers.
1-5 Revised	Map outfalls and receiving waters	Town Engineer	Map of discharge pipes to waters & wetland (20%/yr.)	100% of Outfalls have been located by GPS. Catch basins are approximately 50-70% complete.	Completed GPS location efforts and complete mapping of outfalls
Revised					

**1a. Additions**

<b>1a.</b>	<b>Media coverage</b>	<b>Town Engineer</b>	<b>Story coverage on NPS Pollution Projects.</b>	<b>Coverage in the local newspaper.</b>	<b>Additional coverage's in local newspaper.</b>
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## 2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 4 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 5
2-1 Revised	Hazardous waste collection	DPW Recycling Coordinator DPW	Twice/yr. (min.)	Two events were held in 2006. There were 572 participants from the community.	Two events scheduled for 2007.
2-2 Revised	Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring	Town Engineer/Natural Resources Officer Town Engineer/Environmental Manager	Level of participation	Natural resources officer with the help of volunteer group has completed thirty (30) ponds.	Plan to continue this effort and increase sampling efforts.
2-3 Revised	Citizen Stormwater Committee/Lake Associations	Town Engineer/Natural Resources Officer Town Engineer/Environmental Manager	Hold meeting to plan for stormwater issues/mgmt.	Establishing the task force through advertisement and interviewing.	Selection of task force members.
2-4 Revised	“Adopt a Storm Drain Program”	Town Engineer/Natural Resources Officer	Participation in Community Clean-ups	Working with volunteer group to establish the program.	Organize and support the cleaning efforts.
2-5 Revised	Citizen watch Groups	Town Engineer/Natural Resource Officer	Aid Local Enforcement author. In the identification of polluters	Establishing the task force through advertisement and interviewing.	Selection of task force members.
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 4 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 5
3-1	Develop illicit dischg. id. & elim. plan	Town Engineer/BOH/ Environmental Manager/ Planning Bd.	Make recommendations for the plan	Working with engineering interns in the determinations of illicit discharges during GPS mapping for catch basins and outfalls. The Town is continuing the Infiltration and Inflow Control Studies.	Investigating drainage area of outfalls, and to locate sources when and if will be identified.
Revised	Screen outfalls for Illicit connections	Public Works	Screen outfalls by Winter 07-08		
3-2	Drainage Network Mapping	Town Engineer	Drainage of urbanized areas	100% of outfalls have been located. 50-70% of catch basins have been located.	Outfalls have been completed. Catch basins will be completed in 2007.
Revised					
3-3	Public Info. on illicit connections/illegal discharges	Town Engineer/Board of Health	Educating the public-hazards associated with these activities	The DPW completed the draft Sewer Rules & Regulations in which there will be a presentation at Spring Town Meeting.	2007/2008 Town Meeting
Revised					
3-4	Develop/Modify general illicit discharge bylaw	BOH/Planning Board	Developing/modifying the plan	DPW has completed the draft Sewer Rules & Regulations that address illicit discharges.	Present 2007/2008 Town Meeting for adoption.
Revised					
3-5	Present Bylaw for town meeting action	BOH/Planning Board	Make presentations for town Meeting action	DPW has completed the draft Sewer Rules & Regulations that address illicit discharges.	Present 2007/2008 Town Meeting.
Revised					

#### 3a. Additions


### 4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

<b>BMP ID #</b>	<b>BMP Description</b>	<b>Responsible Dept./Person Name</b>	<b>Measurable Goal(s)</b>	<b>Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 4 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)</b>	<b>Planned Activities – Permit Year 5</b>
4-1	Wetlands by-law for stormwater management	Conservation Commission	Town Meeting Action	Complete bylaw draft for internal and Town Counsel review – on going. Scope is being developed.	Adopting by Town Meeting – 2007/2008
Revised					
4-2	Subdivision regulations for stormwater management	Planning Board	Change subdivision Rules and Regulations	Complete bylaw draft for internal and Town Counsel review – on going.	Adopting by Town Meeting – 2007/2008
Revised					
4-3	Erosion control by-law	Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals	Town Meeting Action		Adopting by Town Meeting – 2007/2008
Revised					
4-4	Reporting hotline	Town Engineer/Planning Board	Set up procedures in response to info submitted by public	Establishing the telephone No. will continue to advertise telephone number.	Hotline number will be included in town directory postcards mailed with other information. Will place info on website.
Revised	Establish an email hotline	Town Engineer/Planning Board	Set up procedures in response to info submitted by public	Discussing online website reporting	
4-5	Site plan review/constr. Site inspection program	Town Engineer, Planner/Building Inspector	Review all plans, inspect, & visit construction site	Drafting to implement an interim policy for all current jurisdictional projects that requires Eng. To review and approve ESC plans.	Continue to implement interm policy and update consistent with new bylaw in Fall 2007.
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 4 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 5
5-1	Stormwater Mange. By-law-Development	Planning/Zoning Bd. & Conservation Commission	Strategies to be developed	The Town has drafted bylaw language.	Adopting by Town Meeting 2007/2008
Revised					
5-2	Stormwater Mange. By-law Development	Planning/Zoning Bd. & Conservation Commission	Formulation of the By-law	The Town has drafted bylaw language.	Adopting by Town Meeting 2007/2008
Revised					
5-3	Conservation Comm. Wetlands By-law	Planning/Zoning Bd. & Conservation Commission	Presentation for Town Meeting Action	The Conservation Commission has implemented a local Wetlands By-law	Completed
Revised					
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 4 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 5
6-1 Revised	Street sweeping program	Highway	Spring annual sweeping record sweeping as needed	Completed annual sweeping program. Sweeping program is now in place.	Continue program.
6-2 Revised	Catch basin/drain cleaning	Highway	500 per year (record) Clean all catch basins once every 3 years.	2000 catch basins were cleaned in 2006.	Another 1200 are expected to be cleaned in 2007.
6-3 Revised	Annual training at town facilities	Town Engineer	Conduct training, prepare literature, record attendance	Conducted ½-day training to all key department staff regarding pollution prevention practices and SWMP implementation.	Continue to conduct ½-day training.
6-4 Revised	Policy Guide O & M program for town-owned structural BMP's	Town Engineer	Developing the Policy Guide Implement O & M program by Spring 06	Inventory town-owned BMP's and drafting O & M procedures for the town's detention ponds and particle separators.	Complete and implement O & M Procedures.
6-5	Permit filing for the town's activities related to Phase II	Town Engineer	Permits Filed as needed	Permits filed for our DPW facilities.	Continue program.

### 6a. Additions

6.6	Vehicle washing	Public Works	Implemented washing policy and constructed washing facility.	Implemented policy to wash only within designated locations, without the use of cleaners or degreasing agents.	Continue program.
6.7	Implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) at Town Facilities	Parks & Recreation	Train facility employees and practice IPM town-wide by Summer 2008.	Inventory current chemicals, quantities, and practices used on town parcels.	Host an IPM/lawn care workshop for staff and lawn care professionals in conjunction with Greenscapes Program.

**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 1 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 2
Revised					

**7a. Additions**


**7b. WLA Assessment**

**Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed**

As noted in the Mapping Section below and in the attached maps (Stormwater Outfalls & Stormwater Catchbasins) the town has completed the outfall mapping and is approximately 50-70% complete with the catch basin mapping. This mapping should be completed by Fall 2007.

**Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)**

**Programmatic**

Stormwater management position created/staffed	(y/n)	
Annual program budget/expenditures	(\$)	

**Education, Involvement, and Training**

Estimated number of residents reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	
<b>Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned</b>	<b>(7 mi.)</b>	
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days</b>		
▪ days sponsored	<b>(2 days)</b>	
▪ community participation	<b>(572 Vehicles)</b>	
▪ material collected	<b>(tons or gal)</b>	
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	

**Legal/Regulatory**

In Place  
Prior to      Under

Regulatory Mechanism Status (indicate with "X")				
▪ <b>Illicit Discharge Detection &amp; Elimination</b>			X	
▪ <b>Erosion &amp; Sediment Control</b>		X (development stage)		
▪ <b>Post-Development Stormwater Management</b>		X (development stage)		
Accompanying Regulation Status (indicate with "X")				
▪ <b>Illicit Discharge Detection &amp; Elimination</b>				
▪ <b>Erosion &amp; Sediment Control</b>				
▪ <b>Post-Development Stormwater Management</b>				

**Mapping and Illicit Discharges**

<b>Outfall mapping complete</b>	(100%)	
<b>Estimated or actual number of outfalls</b>	(#350)	
<b>System-Wide mapping complete (continuing to map catch basins)</b>	(50-70%)	
<b>Mapping method(s)</b>		
▪ <b>Paper/Mylar</b>	(NA)	
▪ <b>CADD</b>	(NA)	
▪ <b>GIS</b>	(100%)	
<b>Outfalls inspected/screened</b>	(100%) mapped and conditions noted	
<b>Illicit discharges identified</b>	(#0)	
<b>Illicit connections removed</b>	(#0) (est. gpd)	
<b>% of population on sewer</b>	(5%)	
<b>% of population on septic systems</b>	(95%)	

**Construction**

Number of construction starts (>1-acre)	(#)	
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control	(%)	
Site inspections completed	(# or %)	
Tickets/Stop work orders issued	(# or %)	
Fines collected	(# and \$)	
Complaints/concerns received from public	(#)	

**Post-Development Stormwater Management**

Estimated percentage of development/redevelopment projects adequately regulated for post-construction stormwater control	(%)	
Site inspections completed	(# or %)	
Estimated volume of stormwater recharged	(gpy)	

**Operations and Maintenance**

Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	(times/yr)	
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	(times/yr)	
<b>Total number of structures cleaned</b>	<b>(#2000)</b>	
Storm drain cleaned	(LF or mi.)	
Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure	(lbs. or tons)	
Disposal or use of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, recycle for sand, beneficial use, etc.)		
Cost of screenings disposal	(\$)	

Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	(times/yr)	
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	(times/yr)	

Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping	(lbs. or tons)	
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.)	(location)	
Cost of sweepings disposal	(\$)	
Vacuum street sweepers purchased/leased	(#)	
Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	

Reduction in application on public land of: (“N/A” = never used; “100%” = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	
<b>The Town is currently working on an Organic Fertilizer Policy for Town owned parks and fields.</b>		

Anti-/De-Icing products and ratios	% NaCl % CaCl <sub>2</sub> % MgCl <sub>2</sub> % CMA % Kac % KCl % Sand	
Pre-wetting techniques utilized	(y/n)	
Manual control spreaders used	(y/n)	
Automatic or Zero-velocity spreaders used	(y/n)	
Estimated net reduction in typical year salt application	(lbs. or %)	
Salt pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(y/n)	
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n)	