

Municipality/Organization: Town of Townsend

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Annual Report Number & Reporting Period: Year 6
April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report (Due: May 1, 2009)

Part I. General Information

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Signature: *Karen Chapman*

Printed Name: Karen Chapman

Title: Acting Land Use Coordinator

Date: April 29, 2008

Part II. Self-Assessment

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

Part II.B.3(a) The Town has not yet developed a complete storm sewer map. There are several subdivision maps which contain partial information, but there is not one map containing the entire Town. A portion of Route 119 bisects the entire Town and is a significant portion of the MS4 Regulated Area. The State Highway Department, District III office has provided GIS mapping information regarding outfalls along Route 119. A GPS unit was obtained and will be used to complete the mapping.

Part II.B.3(c) The Town has successfully passed an Illicit Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drain System Bylaw, but has yet to adopt a plan to detect and address non-stormwater discharges into the system. The adopted Bylaw does contain some elements of the required plan within it. A Plan is in draft form and is being reviewed by the Land Use and Highway Departments.

Part II.C Although protection of our drinking water supply is addressed under a local Aquifer Protection District Bylaw, a significant portion of the MS4 Regulated Area contains Route 119 which is under State control.

Major completed milestones in Permit Year 6 are the outfall locations and GIS data for State Highway Route 119, the purchase of a personal GPS unit to complete the outfall mapping for the town, and a draft of the Illicit Discharge and Detection Plan. In addition, the Conservation Commission was able to secure a grant for the second year from TURI at UMASS Lowell for an Organic Lawn Care Demonstration Project for the Town Hall and Public Library lawns. This includes public information sessions, trainings and hands-on demonstrations.

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 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
1a Revised	Distribute/post nonpoint Source Pollution posters	Land Use Coordinator	Completed year 1		
1b Revised	Stormwater message on Local cable access channel	Land Use Coordinator	Completed.		
1c Revised	Obtain/Distribute Auto Shop brochures	Land Use Coordinator	Distribute brochures in tax bill annually	Scheduled for distribution in the June 30 th tax bill	
1d Revised	Add Stormwater information to Town’s Website	Land Use Coordinator	Update Stormwater info on website to ensure it is current	Website in process of being updated. Loss of personnel an issue	Complete website redesign with links to particular informational sites..
1e Revised	Distribute brochures in water bills	Land Use/Water Department, Water Department	Insert in biannual water bill	Brochure on lawn watering and water conservation inserted in to water bills.	Insert brochure on an annual basis and update if applicable.
1f Revised	Host Lawn Care Seminar	Conservation Commission	Hold Seminar	Completed. Conservation Commission continues to sponsor workshops in conjunction with the Nashua River Watershed Association open to the public on organic land care.	Continue workshops
1g Revised	Develop dog waste bylaw	Land Use	Have bylaw passed at Town Meeting	Completed.	None

1h	Distribute Stormwater Pollution Prevention brochure to residents	Conservation Commission	Distribute brochure in property tax bills	Completed.	Develop new brochure.
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 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
2a Revised	Advisory Committee	Land Use Coordinator	Formed year one.	Committee disbanded following passage of Stormwater and Illicit Discharge Bylaws.	Reinstate advisory committee
2b Revised	Adopt-a-Highway Program	Land Use Coordinator, Recycling Committee, Highway Dept	Target at least one street per year	Recycling Committee held a street clean-up on 4/26/2008. Friends of Willard Brook held a street clean up on 5/3/2008 on the streets around Pearl Hill State Park and in September 2008 on Fessenden Hill Road. Highway Dept has “Operation Neat Streets” where several organizations clean up specific streets every year.	Continue on an annual basis. .
2c Revised	Hazardous Waste Day Collection	Fire Department Board of Health	Hold twice per year	Completed on 5/3/2008 and 9/27/2008 as part of the North Central Regional Solid Waste Cooperative. Published on Website and local bulletin boards	Continue with twice per year collections. New collection day scheduled for 5/2/2009. .
2d Revised	Continue Waste Oil Collection & Recycling	Highway Department	Hold first Saturday Monthly	Held monthly. Highly successful. Town-wide participation	Continue. Monthly participation continued.
2e Revised	Volunteer annual stream clean-up day	Land Use Coordinator, Conservation Commission	One clean-up day every spring	Friends of Willard Brook have initiated stream clean-up days with volunteers.	Continue effort to establish Town organization despite liability issues.
2f	Hold Earth Day Celebration	Recycling Committee, Recreation Commission	Hold Earth Day Celebration	Completed. Earth Day Celebration held on April 26, 2008. Activities included Recyclable Arts & Crafts, recycling booth, Light bulb exchange table, Organic Lawn Care presentation, Composting instructions, booths representing Nashua River Watershed Association, Townsend Recycling	Continue annual celebration. 2009 celebration scheduled for April 25, 2009.

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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 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
3a	Map Outfalls and Receiving Waters	Land Use Coordinator	Map 25% of outfalls that drain urbanized areas each year	50% complete. Outfall map obtained from State Highway Dept for Route 119 that runs the length of the town.	Continue project. Use GPS unit to locate and map remaining outfalls.
Revised				Individual maps for various developments obtained. Personal GPS unit obtained to locate additional outfalls.	
3b	Review existing bylaws and regulations	Land Use Coordinator, Bylaw Review Committee	Determine if existing bylaws & regs fulfill EPA requirements	Bylaw Review Committee completed preliminary review. Planning Board rules & regulations revisions in draft form to prevent conflict with new Stormwater Bylaws and comply with EPA requirements.	Hold Planning Board hearings to update rules & regulations.
Revised					
3c	Develop Illicit Discharge Detection & elimination plan	Land use Coordinator, Highway Department	Make recommendations for inclusion into proposed plan	Draft of plan being reviewed by Land Use and Highway Departments.	Finalize plan.
Revised					
3d	Develop/Modify General illicit Discharge bylaw	Land Use Coordinator, Highway Department	Propose recommendation for modifying/developing bylaw	Complete.	
Revised					
3e	Present Bylaw for Town Meeting Action	Land Use Coordinator, Highway Department	Make Presentation for Town Meeting Action	Complete.	
Revised					

3a. Additions

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4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
4a	Review Existing Site Inspection Practices	Land Use Coordinator, Conservation Commission, Building Dept	Review current practices and change if inadequate or include in new bylaw	New state stormwater regulations within the Wetlands Protection Act afford more oversight to stormwater controls than previously.	Review Building Department inspection practices
Revised					
4b	Develop/Modify Site Inspection Program	Land Use Coordinator, Conservation Commission, Building Dept	Make recommendations for modifying existing program	Following the passing of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Bylaw, the committee has drafted Stormwater Rules & regulations which contain a section on inspections.	Have Planning Board hold hearing to incorporate stormwater rules & regulations into the planning board regulations.
Revised					
4c	Review Existing Bylaws and regulations	Land Use Coordinator	Determine if existing bylaws and regs fulfill EPA requirements	Completed in 2005.	
Revised					
4d	Develop/Modify Bylaw for Construction Site Runoff	Land Use Coordinator, Stormwater Bylaw Committee	Propose recommendations for modifying/developing bylaw	Completed in 2007.	
Revised					
4e	Present Bylaw for Town Meeting Action	Land Use Coordinator, Stormwater Bylaw Committee	Make Presentation for Town Meeting Action	Completed in 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 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
5a	Review Existing Site Inspection Practices	Highway Department	Determine if existing practices fulfill EPA requirements	complete	
Revised					
5b	Develop/modify inspection & Maintenance Practices	Highway Department	Make recommendations for modifying existing practices	Completed as part of Bylaw.	Have Planning Board hold hearing to incorporate stormwater rules & regulations into the planning board regulations
Revised					
5c	Review Existing Bylaws and Regulations	Land Use Coordinator	Determine if existing bylaws and regs fulfill EPA requirements	Planning Board rules & regulations revisions in draft form to prevent conflict with new Stormwater Bylaws and comply with EPA requirements.	Have Planning Board hold hearing to incorporate stormwater rules & regulations into the planning board regulations
Revised					
5d	Develop/modify Bylaws for Post Construction Site Runoff	Land Use Coordinator	Propose recommendations for modifying/developing bylaw	Completed in 2007	
Revised					
5e	Present Bylaw for Town Meeting Action	Land Use Coordinator	Make presentations for Town Meeting Action	Completed in 2007.	
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5a. Additions

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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 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
6a Revised	Street Sweeping Program	Highway Department	Sweep all streets once per year	Completed	Continue Annually
6b Revised	Catch Basin Cleaning Program	Highway Department	Clean catch basins once very two years	Cleaned annually. 284 basins cleaned for this reporting period.	Continue annually as budget allows.
6c Revised	Perform site visits to examine existing practices	Land Use Coordinator	Target all applicable municipal facilities	Complete.	Monitor for any changes
6d Revised	Train municipal employees at each town facility	Land Use Coordinator	Target all applicable municipal facilities	Complete	
6e Revised	Perform follow-ups to ensure required practices are met	Land Use Coordinator	Target all municipal facilities	Ongoing	
Revised					

6a. Additions

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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 6 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 7
Revised					

7a. Additions

7b. WLA Assessment

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

During Permit Year 6, the Town is still struggling with financial shortfalls and has not yet completed mapping the outfalls in the entire Town. Most of the Regulated Area falls within the States Highway Department control of Route 119 and a map of these outfalls has been obtained from the State Highway Department. Information was also obtained from the Building Department, Highway Department, Conservation Commission, Friends of Willard Brook, Nashua River Watershed Association, Townsend Recycling Committee, North Central Regional Solid Waste Cooperative.

Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)

(Since beginning of permit coverage unless specified otherwise by a **, which indicates response is for period covering April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009)

Programmatic

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Stormwater management position created/staffed	(y/n)	no
Annual program budget/expenditures **	(\$)	0.00
Total program expenditures since beginning of permit coverage	(\$)	0.00
Funding mechanism(s) (General Fund, Enterprise, Utility, etc)		General Fund from new permit fees.

Education, Involvement, and Training

Estimated number of property owners reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	80-100%
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	yes
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	yes
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned **	(y/n or mi.)	yes
Shoreline cleaned since beginning of permit coverage	(mi.)	
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days		
▪ days sponsored **	(#)	2 HHW 12 Waste Oil
▪ community participation **	(# or %)	62 HHW

▪ material collected **	(tons or gal)	0.22 tons HW 1121 gal waste oil
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	yes

Legal/Regulatory

	In Place Prior to Phase II	Reviewing Existing Authorities	Drafted	Draft in Review	Adopted
Regulatory Mechanism Status (indicate with "X")					
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination					X
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control					X
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management					X
Accompanying Regulation Status (indicate with "X")					
▪ Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination				X	
▪ Erosion & Sediment Control				X	
▪ Post-Development Stormwater Management				X	

Mapping and Illicit Discharges

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Outfall mapping complete	(%)	50
Estimated or actual number of outfalls	(#)	35
System-Wide mapping complete (complete storm sewer infrastructure)	(%)	50
Mapping method(s)		
▪ Paper/Mylar	(%)	75
▪ CADD	(%)	
▪ GIS	(%)	25
Outfalls inspected/screened **	(# or %)	2
Outfalls inspected/screened (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(# or %)	20
Illicit discharges identified **	(#)	0
Illicit discharges identified (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#)	0
Illicit connections removed **	(#); and (est. gpd)	

Illicit connections removed (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#); and (est. gpd)	
% of population on sewer	(%)	0
% of population on septic systems	(%)	100

Construction

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Number of construction starts (>1-acre) **	(#)	8
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control **	(%)	100
Site inspections completed **	(# or %)	8
Tickets/Stop work orders issued **	(# or %)	0
Fines collected **	(# and \$)	0
Complaints/concerns received from public **	(#)	0

Post-Development Stormwater Management

Estimated percentage of development/redevelopment projects adequately regulated for post-construction stormwater control	(%)	
Site inspections (for proper BMP installation & operation) completed **	(# or %)	
BMP maintenance required through covenants, escrow, deed restrictions, etc.	(y/n)	Y
Low-impact development (LID) practices permitted and encouraged	(y/n)	Y

Operations and Maintenance

Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	1
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	
Qty of structures cleaned **	(#)	284
Qty. of storm drain cleaned **	(%, LF or mi.)	

Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure **	(lbs. or tons)	~100 tons
Disposal or use of screenings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	compost

Basin Cleaning Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	
• Hourly or per basin contract rate **	(\$/hr or \$ per basin)	
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	
Cleaning Equipment		
• Clam shell truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	1 owned
• Vacuum truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	
• Vacuum trucks specified in contracts	(y/n)	
• % Structures cleaned with clam shells **	(%)	100
• % Structures cleaned with vector **	(%)	

(Preferred Units) Response

Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	1
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping **	(lbs. or tons)	~350 tons
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	compost
Annual Sweeping Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	21,740.80
• Hourly or lane mile contract rate **	(\$/hr. or ln mi.)	
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	
Sweeping Equipment		
• Rotary brush street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	2 owned
• Vacuum street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	
• Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	
• % Roads swept with rotary brush sweepers **	%	95
• % Roads swept with vacuum sweepers **	%	

Reduction (since beginning of permit coverage) in application on public land of: ("N/A" = never used; "100%" = elimination)
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▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Practices Implemented	(y/n)	y

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Average Ratio of Anti-/De-Icing products used ** (also identify chemicals and ratios used in specific areas, e.g., water supply protection areas)	% NaCl % CaCl ₂ % MgCl ₂ % CMA % Kac % KCl % Sand	25 0 0 0 0 0 75
Pre-wetting techniques utilized **	(y/n or %)	
Manual control spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	yes
Zero-velocity spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year salt/chemical application rate	(±lbs/l _n mi. or %)	
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year sand application rate **	(±lbs/l _n mi. or %)	
% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(%)	100
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n or #)	
100% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s) by May 2008	(y/n)	yes

Water Supply Protection

Storm water outfalls to public water supplies eliminated or relocated	# or y/n	
Installed or planned treatment BMPs for public drinking water supplies and their protection areas	# or y/n	
• Treatment units induce infiltration within 500-feet of a wellhead protection area	# or y/n	