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Annual Report

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The following BMP’s were instituted in order to comply with the NPDES Phase II

BMP 1-1/1-2: Measurable Goal – Develop article or Brochure and make available at Town Public Buildings with assistance from Buzzards Bay Project.

Brochure’s outlining the importance of Stormwater Management is available at the Board of Public Works, Town Hall, Library, and Post Office. (Ongoing)

BMP 1-3: Measurable Goal – Display Stormwater message on the local cable television station.

A Stormwater and water saving tip of the week is being displayed on the local cable television station. (Ongoing)

BMP 1-4: Measurable Goal – Discuss stormwater issues at Board of Public Works meetings.
Stormwater issues are regular topics at Board of Public Works meetings and will be ongoing.

BMP 1-5: Measurable Goal – Educate dog owners about picking up dog waste by developing and distributing a fact sheet.

A pet waste fact sheet was developed and is distributed to pet owners when dog licenses are issued. (Ongoing)

BMP 1-6: Measurable Goal – Contact the School Department to schedule a presentation regarding the importance of Stormwater.

A video entitled “After the Storm” which was co-produced by the EPA and the weather channel, was shown to the Science Class in the Hastings Middle School in May 2009.

BMP 1-7: Sign postings in public water supply areas. Measurable Goal – number of signs installed and inspected.

All sign installations have been completed and are inspected annually.

BMP 1-8: Measurable Goal – Household hazardous waste day held.

Household Hazardous Waste day was held on September 13, 2008.

BMP 1-9: Household paint drop off facility. Measurable Goal – Notify residents of days of operation and advertise on local cable television.

Town Meeting did not support the running of the Paint Shed program this fiscal year. If Town Meeting supports Hazardous Waste day for 2010-2011 then, residents will be notified and the paint can be collected at that time.

BMP 1-10: Develop Ad Hoc Committee, Measurable Goal – number of meetings. (Ongoing)

BMP 2-1: Comply with state public notification guidelines at MGL Chapter 39 Section 23b. Measurable Goal – Notices as currently announced.

Meeting of every Town Board/Commission regarding Stormwater and other issues are advertised in the local paper and on local cable television.

BMP 2-2: Stencil Storm Drains. Measurable Goal – Number of basins stenciled.

All basins were stenciled in the summer of 2009 using summer help (college student).

BMP 2-3: Annual Beach Cleanup Day. Measurable Goal – Beach cleanup day held.

Several beach cleanup days were held throughout 2009 and the Spring 2010 with the Fairhaven High School Environmental Club and the Trial Court Community Service Program. There were several shoreline cleanups by Nye’s Oil Company employees at their Howland Road complex. In all cleanups, the Highway Department supplied and picked up dumpsters, and provided manpower for trash bag pickup.

BMP 3-1: Develop illicit discharge ordinance. Measurable Goal – Develop ordinance and seek Town Meeting approval. (Ongoing)

BMP 3-2: Conduct dry weather outfall screening. Measurable Goal – Continue sampling outfalls.

Dry weather outfall screening could not be conducted in the summer of 2009 due to the extremely wet summer season. Four stream locations were sampled in wet weather conditions. These areas discharge into the Little Bay/Nasketucket Bay area in east Fairhaven and have contributed to shellfish bed closures. The purpose of the testing was to attempt to isolate the source of pollutants (fecal coliform and nitrogen). Further testing is being proposed for this purpose.