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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

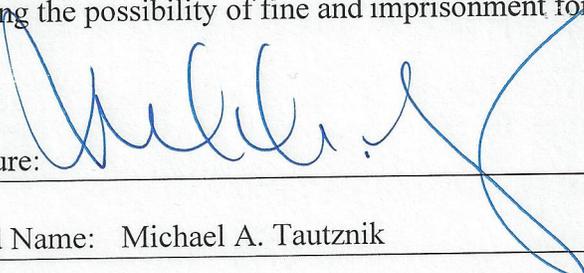
Part I. General Information

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Signature: 

Printed Name: Michael A. Tautznik

Title: Mayor

Date: APRIL 5, 2012

Part II. Self-Assessment

The City of Easthampton 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 II.B.1 Public education and outreach program has not been promoted as well as it should be. Although the recent adoption of our Stormwater Management Ordinance did receive some coverage by the local media by virtue of their coverage of the City Council vote to adopt the ordinance, more work should be done to educate the public on storm water related issues.

Part II.B.2 The Public Involvement and Participation Component of the permit has been instituted on a very informal basis. An existing volunteer group has been in existence for a number of years already, acting as a “watch dog” group for the Nashawannuck Pond and its tributaries. This group has been responsible for a number of improvements in the pond and its tributaries, with the goal of improving the water quality and removing the pond from the 303d listing of impaired waters. The dredging of Nashawannuck Pond was finally completed in 2010. This was a very visible project and the subject of stormwater management was discussed at various public forums relating to the dredging work. We are now working on dredging two sedimentation basins, one each on the two main feeder streams of the pond. The permitting process has been initiated and should be completed in the next couple of months. The public hearings before the Easthampton Conservation Commission highlighted the need to be vigilant about land disturbance activities within the watersheds of our wetland resources. The local media will be notified when the final approvals have been received. To date, we have been granted the Section 404 Programmatic General Permit Category II from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Section 401 Minor Project Certification from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and are awaiting the final Order of Conditions from Easthampton Conservation Commission for the dredging work.

Part II.B.4 The Construction Site Stormwater Control program has been bolstered by a local regulatory ordinance which was adopted by the Easthampton City Council this past year. Our new Stormwater Management Ordinance specifically targets construction activities outside of the jurisdiction of the local Conservation Commission and the MA Wetlands Protection Act, as well as smaller land disturbance activities which could potentially cause erosion or stormwater degradation. The Stormwater Management Ordinance and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance was formally adopted by the Easthampton City Council on May 18, 2011.

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 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 10
1	Promote a Stormwater Program	DPW, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Mayor	Easthampton will educate the public about the new Stormwater Ordinance	Applicants of permits have been educated on the need for a Stormwater permit in the coming year.	Produce literature for distribution along with permit application forms.
Revised					
2	Identify financial support for a Stormwater Program	DPW	Identify appropriate sources of funding assistance (grants) and apply for assistance in implementing portions of Stormwater Management Program	Upgrades to our existing stormwater system have been routinely funded as part of our annual road improvement program funded by state programs for highway improvements (Chapter 90). Continued vigilance by our Planning Department for grant programs which can include stormwater work.	Continue to target grant programs with the aim of enhancing and evaluating the existing in-house data and mapping. Utilize existing budgets to whatever extent possible to continue stormwater management of municipal facilities and roadways.
Revised					
3	Target groups likely to impact stormwater	DPW	Produce literature targeting specific groups and activities which impact stormwater	Development proposals brought before the City in the past year have been made aware of the requirement to file for the federal stormwater permit (CGP), and notified that a local permit is now required.	Finalize and publish literature for distribution. Prepare literature for broadcast on local public access television.
Revised					
4	Identify alternative information sources	DPW	Post links on local website(s) to CT River Watershed Council website and to MA DEP and USEPA websites	MA DEP, USEPA, and CT River Watershed Council websites have been reviewed.	Contact our City of Easthampton website administrator about adding links to the appropriate websites.
Revised					

5	Utilize local public access channel	DPW	Post public meeting notices concerning review of Easthampton Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program on local community access channel	No meetings specifically targeted to stormwater have been held.	Plan and schedule public meetings and post on local Community Access Channel. Broadcast open forums on Public Access channel.
Revised					
6	Develop, conduct, and document educational programs	DPW, CT River Watershed Council Liaison	City to appoint liaison to CRW Council to disseminate info on programs and activities of CRWC	We no longer have a local representative on the CRWC, however, we are kept informed of issues relating to that Council.	Continue to maintain communications with the CRWC through our Planning Department and Conservation Commission.
Revised					

1a. Additions

7	Promote household waste recycling	DPW, Board of Health	Sponsor Hazardous Waste Recycling Days	Did not hold any local hazardous waste collection days, but promoted such held in Northampton. Held city wide Bulk Waste pick up by local haulers.	Will continue to hold bulk waste collection days on an annual basis. Will hold Hazardous Waste pick up days if budgets allow.

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 10
8	Storm Drain Stenciling	DPW	Work with local youth groups to develop stenciling projects	No stenciling of catch basins was proposed this year. No local youth groups were interested in the project.	When main thoroughfares are reconstructed, will ask local schools and scout troops for volunteers to stencil the new basins upon completion of the roadway paving.
Revised					
9	Community Wetland Resource Area Clean-Up Days	DPW, Conservation Commission	City will encourage local stream clean-ups by local residents and youth groups. Solicit volunteers and sponsors in local access TV channel	Annual Community clean-up day held again this year. Clean-up along Nashawannuck Pond is always included. Local business owner group along the pond provide funding and volunteer labor to keep edge of pond clean.	Try to expand clean-up day to include tributary streams feeding Nashawannuck Pond.
Revised					
10	Community Clean-Up Days	DPW	City to provide trucks and equipment for community clean-up efforts and disposal of waste	Annual Community Clean-up Day held in May. Clean-up Day has been held for at least the last 10 years.	Continue Community Clean-up Day
Revised					

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 10
11	Identify Financial Assistance for inventory and Mapping of Storm Drain System	DPW	Identify appropriate sources of funding assistance (grants) and apply for assistance in implementing portions of Stormwater Management Program	The 604b grant program is monitored for eligible grant programs to fund additional mapping and study of our drainage system. To date, no eligible projects have been identified and/or approved.	Continue to submit grant request for 604b funding to do the same type of work. Watch for additional grant sources.
Revised					
12	Mapping and identification of outfalls and receiving waters	DPW	Continue to maintain and update maps of all outfalls and receiving bodies of water	Prior mapping of all known outfalls, drainage structures, and conveyances has been updated when new information obtained in the field. New catch basins installed and existing catch basins replaced were documented on plans. Original mapping did not accurately show the route of all pipelines from structure to structure, therefore, corrections and edits were made to the base map as information became available.	Continue to edit drainage system base map. Location of any unmapped stormwater outfalls shall be determined and added to the maps. Stormwater systems on new subdivisions to be added as plans become available and systems are constructed.
Revised					
13	Identification/description of problem areas	DPW	Continue to develop and implement an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination plan.	Prior mapping and dry weather sampling has already identified and prioritized outfalls which require additional investigation.	Continue to investigate and correct, where feasible, known problem outfalls.
Revised					

14	Enforcement procedures addressing illicit discharges	Planning Board, City Council, Board of Health	Review whether local authority is appropriate and able to respond to potential illicit discharges. New bylaws, if necessary, to be proposed	The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance was adopted by the City Council in May 2011.	Continue to enforce the Ordinance whenever evidence of illicit discharges comes to light.
Revised					
15	Public Information program regarding hazardous wastes and dumping	DPW, Board of Health	Provide educational brochures to residents promoting proper disposal of household hazardous wastes	A display is maintained by the Board of Health and the City Planner containing pamphlets and literature for a number of different good house keeping procedures as they pertain to household hazardous waste storage and disposal.	Maintain a supply of brochures in the halls of municipal office building which explains potential problems with illicit dumping of hazardous waste.
Revised					
16	Initiation of Recycling Programs	DPW, Board of Health	Apply for funding assistance from DEP Recycling Grant Program for assistance in public education and the purchase of recycling materials	City currently maintains and operates a recycling center at the Highway Department Yard. Recyclables accepted are paper/cardboard products, glass, cans, bottles, plastics, metals, automotive batteries, and yard wastes. Waste oil is also collected and burned in waste oil furnaces in the Highway Department buildings. An annual sticker fee is charged. Large appliances, containing refrigerants, are accepted for a separate fee. The City now removes the refrigerants, utilizing licensed technicians.	City Planning Department will continue to apply for grants as they become available for all phases of the recycling program.
Revised		Add Planning Department			

3a. Additions

17	Watershed Assessments and studies	DPW, Conservation Commission, Board of Health Add Planning Department	Identify opportunities for funding assistance from 604b and 319 grant programs and from MA DEM Lakes and Ponds Grant Program to support watershed assessment and implementation activities. Tasks can include design and installation of stormwater BMP's and public outreach including storm drain stenciling. Emphasis will be on assessments and remediation of stormwater related problems impacting water quality in Nashawannuck Pond, which has been identified as impaired on the DEP 303d list.	No formal Watershed Assessments were done. However, with the dredging of Nashawannuck Pond now complete, attention has been diverted to the two main feeder streams to this water body. Existing sedimentation basins on the two feeder streams are the focus of future work on the watershed. Permitting for the remediation work on the two basins is almost complete.	Once the final permits are issued for the two sedimentation basins, applications will be submitted for new grants to perform the actual work on the basins, as local funding for this work is not a reality in the near future.
18	Watershed Assessments and studies	DPW, Water Department	Water Department will apply for funding assistance from DEP's Source Water Protection Program for grant assistance to develop wellhead protection plans and stormwater management plans within Zone II's	No new grants or funding assistance were obtained for Watershed Assessment, however, a local college professor has continued to study the Easthampton watershed as a learning tool for his hydro-geology students. His studies are focused on the quality and quantity of our underground water supply as opposed to surface water quality.	Submit applications for grants to assist with a stormwater management plan within our Zone II's.

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 10
19	Bylaw: Stormwater Management regulations for constructions sites 1 acre or larger	Planning Board, Conservation Commission, City Council, Board of Health, ZBA	Adopt Stormwater Ordinance by City Council	The new Stormwater Management Ordinance included language to cover construction sites larger than 1 acre. A number of new large projects in town have submitted CGPs.	Pursue the enforcement of the new stormwater ordinances.
Revised					

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

20	Bylaw: Require post-construction runoff controls	Planning Board, Conservation Commission, City Council, Board of Health, ZBA	Adopt Stormwater Ordinance by City Council	The new ordinance includes language concerning post construction runoff controls.	Pursue the enforcement of the new stormwater ordinances.

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 9 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 10
21	Develop a municipal operations and maintenance plan	DPW	Using regulations and recommendations from DEP and EPA, develop and update an operations and maintenance plan to include proper disposal of street sweepings, catch basin cleanout, snow disposal, roadway de-icing procedures, vehicle washing, and outside storage of materials.	The Spill Prevention and Control plan, which was prepared by our consultant, has been implemented.	Continue to monitor the Spill Prevention and Control Plan, including regular inspections of facilities.
Revised					
22	Develop Storm Sewer Inspection Program	DPW	Implement a formal inspection program, including maintenance logs and scheduling, for catch basin cleanings, repairs, and new installation.	City Engineer has worked with the public works departments to maintain a record of maintenance, repair, and construction of storm sewer system.	Instruct department personnel in documentation of maintenance, repair, and construction of storm sewer system. Improve formal record keeping procedure.
Revised					
23	Develop and implement training program for municipal employees	DPW	Send minimum of 5 public works employees to annual training seminars sponsored by relevant agencies and/or vendors.	City Engineer, Utilities Supervisor, Highway Dept Supervisor, Sewer, Water, and Highway Department Foremen, and 10 other public works employees have attended seminars and trade shows associated with public works related operations.	Expand the attendance of seminars by employees involved in snow removal and street cleaning operations, sewer system maintenance and repair, and sanitary sewer connection maintenance.
Revised					

24	Review storm drainage infrastructure needs	DPW	Incorporate storm drain infrastructure review in Chapter 90 project utilizations	City engineer has included storm drainage improvements and maintenance in all roadway improvement projects for the last several years. Improvements have been made by both municipal forces prior to contracted road work operations begin, and by private contractors during Chapter 90 funded highway improvement projects. A total of 22 new catch basin installations were done in the past year, which were all replacements of existing substandard basins which did not have adequate sumps to collect roadway sediments.	Continue to include storm drainage upgrades, wherever feasible, in all Chapter 90 work to be undertaken and any other road construction work funded by other sources.
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7. BMPs for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLA)

No TMDLs Established In Easthampton

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
Revised					

7a. Additions

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

- Edits and corrections have been done to our stormwater system maps, as new information has been obtained. Original mapping project located all drainage system structures (catch basins, manholes, headwalls, and culverts) by GPS methods. The GPS locations were input on the base map in a GIS format and AutoCad format. The DPW Engineering Department has updated the base map periodically (in AutoCad format only) to reflect corrections to the mapping and new structures which have been added.

Part V. Program Outputs & Accomplishments (OPTIONAL)

Programmatic

Stormwater management position created/staffed	(y/n)	No
Annual program budget/expenditures	(\$)	0

Education, Involvement, and Training

Estimated number of residents reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	Unknown
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	Yes
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	No new teams
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned	(y/n or mi.)	Yes 0.1 mi.
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days		
▪ days sponsored	(#)	0
▪ community participation	(%)	Unknown

▪ material collected	(tons or gal)	Unknown
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	No

Legal/Regulatory

	In Place Prior to Phase II	Under Review	Drafted	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”)				

Mapping and Illicit Discharges

Outfall mapping complete	(%)	97%
Estimated or actual number of outfalls	(#)	140
System-Wide mapping complete	(%)	97%
Mapping method(s)		
▪ Paper/Mylar	(%)	75%
▪ CADD	(%)	97%
▪ GIS	(%)	95%
Outfalls inspected/screened	(# or %)	64
Illicit discharges identified	(#)	11
Illicit connections removed	(#) (est. gpd)	5
% of population on sewer	(%)	98%
% of population on septic systems	(%)	02%

Construction

Number of construction starts (>1-acre)	(#)	3
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control	(%)	100%
Site inspections completed	(# or %)	100%
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	(%)	100%
Site inspections completed	(# or %)	100%
Estimated volume of stormwater recharged	(gpy)	Unknown

Operations and Maintenance

Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets)	(times/yr)	2
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets)	(times/yr)	3
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping	(lbs. or tons)	Unknown
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.)	(location)	Compost
Cost of sweepings disposal	(\$)	Unknown
Vacuum street sweepers purchased/leased	(#)	0
Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	0

Reduction in application on public land of: (“N/A” = never used; “100%” = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	Unknown
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	Unknown
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	Unknown

Anti-/De-Icing products and ratios	% NaCl	70
	% CaCl ₂	0
	% MgCl ₂	0
	% CMA	0
	% Kac	0
	% KCl	0
	% Sand	30
Pre-wetting techniques utilized	(y/n)	Y
Manual control spreaders used	(y/n)	Y
Automatic or Zero-velocity spreaders used	(y/n)	Y
Estimated net reduction in typical year salt application	(lbs. or %)	Unknown
Salt pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(y/n)	Y
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n)	N