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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

Part I. General Information

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Part II. Self-Assessment

1. Public Education and Outreach

In November of 2013, the Town of Norwood partnered with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) and the ten other communities in applying for a Community Innovation Challenge Grant in establishing a Neponset Valley Regional Stormwater Collaborative. MAPC was awarded a grant with the goal of building upon existing partnerships to establish a more formalized, long term alliance among communities. The first meeting of this Collaborative was held in Spring 2014.

In addition to the BMP's outlined in the Town of Norwood's NOI there are numerous events throughout the year where providing information and raising awareness is a major element. The Recreation Department's Earth Day works with the students of each school in Town to cleanup schools, parks, conservation lands and other Town owned properties. Information and assistance is provided from Waste Management with support from local businesses. The High School also has an ongoing program of Student Community Services Hours where similar work is provided. The Recreation Department also works with the local Boys and Girls Scouts clearing pathways along Hawes Brook

The Town wide Web page now gives access to information from the Recycling Coordinator, links to Mass Department of Environmental Protection and Mass Department of Public Health. There is information on reporting illegal dumping, leaf and brush disposal, benefits of rain barrels and composting etc.

The Town of Norwood has a curbside trash contract with Waste Management for Single Stream Recycling. Notices to households and informative meetings throughout Town were conducted to inform and educate the general public on the benefits (both environmentally and fiscally) of recycling. Since implementation, curbside recycling has increased from 14% to 30%.

The Town of Norwood also works with the local newspapers and public access cable to educate and inform the general public. Articles on Recycling Days, Household Hazardous Waste Days, Wetlands Month etc. not only announce the events but lists EPA and Town websites for additional information.

2. Public Involvement and Participation

Hazardous Waste Days – in addition to the biannual (spring/fall) Recycling Days, the Town of Norwood provides year round curbside pick-up of appliances and television/CRT sets –with DPW notification. The Town of Norwood’s Board of Health has increased the number of Hazardous Waste Days in 2014-2015.

Household paint recycling – the Town of Norwood (Board of Health) now is selling waste paint hardeners to solidify latex paint for curb pick-up.

The Engineering Department has been responsible for the NPDES General Permit and has conducted meetings with various department heads concerning stormwater discharge and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP’s). The Conservation Agent also requires BMP’s on all projects filed for Development Plan Review.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

The Town of Norwood through the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been working to detect and eliminate the source of coliform bacteria seeping into Meadowbrook. The town completed a pilot sewer rehabilitation project in this area on Guild Street to assess the effectiveness of comprehensive sewer rehabilitation in improving water quality in the underdrain system. The project was completed in fall 2009 and included lining of sewer mains, service connections and manholes. Post construction monitoring has shown the approach to be highly effective in eliminating underdrain contamination and current sampling shows E. Coli levels at or near zero. The town completed construction of a larger project to further rehabilitate the sewer system in the Hospital and Florence Avenue areas to improve water quality in Meadowbrook. Construction work began in Fall 2010 and was completed in Spring 2012. The project was funded through the DEP SRF program. Preliminary indication shows an improvement in water quality in the underdrain system. The town continues to monitor and sample the underdrain system to track progress of its efforts to improve water quality. An additional rehabilitation project in the Hoyle Street area was initiated in late 2013 and is substantially complete. A large \$2.7Million rehabilitation project is nearing completion in a large portion of the downtown area. This project is funded through the DEP SRF program. Presently the Town of Norwood is underway with design of an additional rehabilitation project in Priority Areas 3 and 4. Construction will be funded through the DEP SRF program and is scheduled to begin in late summer 2015.

In 2010, the town completed inspection and dry weather screening of all known stormwater outfalls. Work included location of the outfalls, performing visual and test kit sampling of water quality and other qualitative testing and observations. DEP

also assisted in the sampling and evaluation of some of these outfalls including performing Human Marker Analysis testing in select locations. Efforts during this reporting period have focused on outfalls at Alpine Street (#22), Harrow Road (#7B), Arcadia Road (#55), Baker Street (#40), Elda Drive (#75) and Yew Drive (#89). Work has included sampling of outfalls and sampling in the upstream portions of the drainage system, dye testing of individual properties and other follow-up action and coordination. Identified problems have been corrected soon after they have been identified. The Town continues to work closely with DEP in sampling and identifying sources of contamination in the drainage system, as well as performing follow-up monitoring after corrective action has been completed. Several indirect illicit connections were identified this year in the Fieldbrook Road area (Outfall 55) and the Alpine / Ash Street area (Outfall 22). These connections have been completed on 3 of the 4 of these identified illicit connections.

The Town also continues its efforts to reduce infiltration and inflow in the collection system. In 2011, the town completed design of comprehensive rehabilitation measures in the Westover Parkway section of the Hawes Brook area. The project received funding from the DEP CWSRF program and construction work is now complete. The Town plans to perform some additional spot gaging in Spring 2015 to identify additional areas to focus I/I reduction efforts.

In 2013, the Town entered into negotiations with EPA for an Administrative Order on Consent to identify and eliminate unauthorized discharges of sewage from its Small MS4. The final Order was executed on January 24, 2014. Major elements of the Order include developing and implementing an Underdrain Control Plan that will eliminate all identified unauthorized sewage discharges by December 31, 2023. The Underdrain control Plan was submitted to EPA and DEP in 2014, and following receipt of comments from EPA, the plan was revised and resubmitted on July 25, 2014. The Order also identifies some specific actions regarding individual stormwater outfalls, and identifies reporting and compliance activities. Furthermore, the Order eliminates the requirements and reporting identified in the August 26, 2009 Order for Compliance issued by EPA.

6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

The design of a new DPW facility is complete and Town Meeting has approved the siting of a new facility at the current Lyman Place yard. Construction of temporary facilities to housing the department began in Spring 2014. It is projected that the new facility will be completed in Fall 2015.

Currently the DPW does not have a vehicle wash system. The Town has contracted with 2 local car wash facilities to wash DPW vehicles.

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 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
1A Revised	Recycling & Rubbish Web Page	Manager's Office	Dates and information updated as needed.	The Computer Dept has redesigned the Town wide Web page. Information and links pertaining to stormwater and EPA have been added	The Town of Norwood, through its Recycling Coordinator will continue to update the Web page as needed.
1B Revised	Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)	Manager's Office	Town wide metering completed.	Town will continue to monitor abnormal water usage through billing cycles.	Continue to monitor the water usage of customers.
1C Revised	Recycling & Rubbish Flyers	Manager's Office (Billed through B.O.H.)	12,000 flyers mailed – April 16,000 flyers inserted in Light Dept. bill – Sept.	Continue Town wide notification of recycling/rubbish dates and general information. "Recycle Matters" newsletter mailed and general information inserted in light bills	Continue Town wide notification of recycling/rubbish dates and general information.
Revised					
Revised	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>See PART II – SELF ASSESSMENT</i>				
Revised					

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year13
2A Revised	"You Can Help" Web Site	Board of Health (BOH)	No direct volunteering from web posting. Most volunteers are repeat or word of mouth.	The Town of Norwood, through its Recycling Coordinator will continue to update the Web page as needed	The Town of Norwood, through its Recycling Coordinator will continue to update the Web page as needed
2B Revised	Household Hazardous Waste Days	Dept. Public Works (DPW) and BOH	619 vehicles (Spring 2014) 558 vehicles (Fall 2014)	Notification through web page, flyers and cable TV. Contracted Clean Harbors for spring Hazardous Waste Day – The Board of Health now has 2 Hazardous Waste Days a year.	Will continue to inform the public of the positive benefits of Hazardous Waste Days to increase participation. Continue with the Spring and Fall Hazardous Waste Days
2C Revised	Recycling Days	DPW / BOH	500 vehicles (Fall 2014)	Notification through web page, flyers and cable TV.	Will continue to inform the public of the positive benefits of Recycling Days to increase participation
2D Revised					
2E Revised	Compost Bin Sales	BOH	31 bins sold (Permit Yr 12)	BOH information on bin sales included in Town web page, annual flyers and local newspaper ads. Sales have continued to increase over the years.	Increase sales of compost bins through education and advertising.
2F Revised				ADDITIONAL INFORMTION <i>See PART II – SELF ASSESSMENT</i>	

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

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3A Revised	GIS - Develop Stormwater Data Layer	Engineering	Completed stormwater data layer.	Continue to correct (quality control) and update stormwater data layer as needed.	The Town of Norwood plans to create a sewer and drain GIS in calendar year 2015.
3B Revised	Develop Sewer GIS	Engineering		The Town of Norwood to primarily work on the Stormwater layer before adding a sewer layer.	The Town of Norwood plans to create a sewer and drain GIS in calendar year 2015.
3C Revised	Visual inspection of outfalls	Engineering	Outfalls identified on GIS data layer from in-house information	Completed inspection of all known outfalls	Continue IDDE investigation in selected high priority areas.
3D Revised	Infiltration/Inflow Program	DPW	On going program to identify and correct any observed I/I problems.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>See PART II – SELF ASSESSMENT</i>	Spot gaging to identify areas with excessive infiltration will be performed in Spring 2015
Revised					
Revised					

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
4A Revised	Site Plan Review	Eng. / Planning Board	Site Plan Review currently in place	Through Site Plan Review – the Town has required the use of stormwater treatment systems.	Continue to work with design engineers, contractors and the general public to require the use of stormwater treatment systems.
4B Revised	Stormwater Management (Zoning Ordinance)	Eng. / Building Dept.	Bylaw currently in place.	Bylaw currently in place	Continue to work with developers to comply with the new By-Law requirements
4C Revised	Erosion Control (Zoning Ordinance)	Eng. / Building Dept.	Bylaw currently in place.	Bylaw currently in place	Continue to work with developers to comply with the new By-Law requirements
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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 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities – Permit Year13
5A	Stormwater Management (Zoning Ordinance)	Bld. Dept / Planning Board	Bylaw currently in place.	Bylaw currently in place	Continue to enforce new ordinances
Revised					
5B	Erosion Control (Zoning Ordinance)	Bld. Dept / Planning Board	Bylaw currently in place.	Bylaw currently in place	Continue to enforce new ordinances
Revised					
5C	Create Guidance / Design Manual	Bld. Dept / Eng.		Verbally direct design contractors to include post construction requirements	Provide written guidelines for design engineers
Revised					

6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

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6A Revised	Site Selection – DPW Yard	Town Manager		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>See PART II – SELF ASSESSMENT</i>	
6B Revised	Site Development - Construction			Employ BMP's on municipal site and roadway projects	Continue to employ BMP's on municipal site and roadway projects
6C Revised	Street sweeping	DPW	All streets swept a minimum of twice per year.	Streets swept a minimum of twice a year.	Engineering and DPW to work together to identify areas that may require more sweeping . (GIS Needs Assessment)
6D Revised	Catch basin cleaning	DPW	Percent cleaned annually	DPW uses high pressure cleaner/vacuum truck for the cleaning of catch basins.	Town to continue the cleaning of catch basins. Eng/DPW to coordinate additional catch basin cleaning as needed during outfall inspections. A new Vector has been purchased for use in CB Cleaning and other tasks.
6E Revised	Pet Waste Ordinance	BOH		Town has a Bylaw on pet waste. A Dog Park Committee has been started to look into possible sites around town.	Notices of pet waste ordinance and informational flier to be distributed at Town Clerk's office with license renewals.
Revised	Illicit Discharge	DPW		The Town Sewer Use Ordinance prohibits discharge to anything but a municipal sewer or on site sewage disposal system.	

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

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7A Revised	Visual inspect 303(d) listed outfalls	Eng.	See Part II – Self Assessment	All outfall inspections completed in 2010.	IDDE program in selected high priority areas have been either completed or are ongoing
7B Revised	Assess TMDL (pathogens)	B.O.H.	See Part II – Self Assessment		Perform IDDE Investigations in outfall areas that are suspected of having illicit connections.
7C Revised	Implement Inspection	DPW	Identify any cross connections of stormwater/sewer	DPW continuing inspection of any cross connections.	Continue looking for illicit discharges
Revised					