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## NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

### Part I. General Information

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**Signature:**



**Printed Name:** Joseph Bolton

**Title:** Acting Town Administrator

**Date:**

4/23/15

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

The Town had developed a Stormwater Management Plan with program priorities for 2003-2008 including:

1. Achieving regulatory compliance, particularly EPA and DEP Phase II NPDES permit requirements;
2. Incorporating storm water protection measures into municipal activities;
3. Focusing activities on target pollution reduction (e.g. Section 303.d. waters and protecting the Town's water supply);
4. Ensuring that the Program is current and innovative; and
5. Providing Program administration.

The Water Quality Stewardship element of the program has focused on the protection of the local water supply and addressing the State's Section 303.d waters located within the Town. To this end, staff will continue to develop and improve the Program activities to reduce storm water pollution to the maximum extent practicable and eliminate prohibited non-storm water discharges, while facilitating understanding and involvement in storm water management by various Town departments. Program priorities will also focus on increased efforts to reduce target pollutants and restore local water bodies.

The Town is committed to working with local watershed associations and local businesses to advance their goals and objectives. Another high priority of staff will be to keep abreast of the latest technology and approaches to achieve storm water management. Program activities will also strive to encourage environmental stewardship and continue to build on partnerships with other agencies, neighboring towns, and the community for active participation in accomplishing the Program mission.

The activities performed during Permit Year Twelve focused on continuing cleanup of the Town's infrastructure (street sweepings/catch basin cleanings), encouraging volunteer efforts on shoreline cleanup (Clean the Bay), and rehab of existing Town MS4 infrastructure.

### 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	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
1.a.	Air Stormwater message on cable, two weeks quarterly	Planning/GIS Staff	# messages aired; # weeks aired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town reviewing of sample stormwater messages posted on EPA website for broadcasting on cable access TV.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reestablish Stormwater messaging via cable access; achieve a minimum of four messages; 8 weeks air time, in Year 13.</li> </ul>
1.b.	Add Stormwater Information to web site	Administrator's Office/Planning /GIS Staff	Include SWMP, general information, and links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town website is in the process of undergoing major structural re-design. Stormwater updates, SWMP, etc. will be posted to the Highway Department and Conservation Commission links once this process has been completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reestablish information and links.</li> <li>Amend site to include mechanism to count number of visitors to web site.</li> <li>Track # hits/visitors to Stormwater information.</li> </ul>
1.c.	Distribution of posters, plan, and informative literature to various departments	Conservation Commission	Distribution of materials to Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posters and plan displayed in Town Hall (outside Conservation Commission, Building, Planning and Board of Health Office) and Library</li> <li>"No Pollution" Signs at the following boat access locations: Broad Cove, Somerset Waterfront Park and Mallard Point</li> <li>Advance publicity for "Clean the Bay" cleanup of the Taunton and Lee Rivers completed in Spring 2014.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information will remain on display.</li> </ul>



BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
1.d.	Inform Residents of Town's recycling programs and household hazardous waste.	Administrator's Office/Fire Department/S. Jepson	Distribute information to all residents by web site and cable access. Track # Visitors to web site; # messages/airtime on cable access. Due to current budget climate, delete direct mailing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information packets issued to new residents by Town Hall to promote curbside recycling (contracted to Allied Waste)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-establish web site information (see 1.b).</li> <li>Include mechanism to track # hits/visitors to website</li> <li>Work with Administrator's office and Web Administrator to reformat web site to improve visibility and accessibility of information.</li> </ul>
1.e.	Existing Practice: Presentation of environmental programs to local organizations and schools.	Conservation Commission/C. Wordell	Include Stormwater as a topic in environmental programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to current staffing levels and workloads (Conservation Commission/Board of Health agent retired in 2011; replacement is being actively sought), the Town has been reevaluating the ability of this task to be performed by Town Staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with school department to explore inclusion of stormwater topic into environmental curriculum taught by teachers in the classroom.</li> <li>Contact non-profit organizations to perform environmental programs free of charge.</li> </ul>

## 2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
2.a.	Existing Practice: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days	Fire Department/S. Jepson	Secure funding to continue program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HHW Day not conducted this year due to budget cuts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No HHW Day is planned for 2015 due to budget cuts.</li> </ul>

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2.b.	Collect and Recycle Waste Oil	Fire Department/S. Jepson	Collect waste oil on household hazardous waste collection days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents informed that they may take waste oil to the Fall River DPW facility at 10 Lewiston Street on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month (8-12) and every Tuesday (8-2).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to advise residents of the Fall River DPW facility.</li> </ul>
2.c.	Stream/Beach Clean-up	Conservation Commission/C. Wordell	Hold volunteer-driven clean-up day once per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town DPW partnered with Clean the Bay to cleanup debris along the Lee and Taunton Rivers</li> <li>Town continues to maintain/empty trash barrels at the following locations: Mount Hope Vista Park and Chase Preserve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact non-profit organizations (Taunton River Watershed Alliance, Girl and Boy Scouts, Garden Club) to help run future cleanup programs.</li> <li>DPW to measure tonnage weight or number of bags/large items of debris collected; # volunteers</li> </ul>
2.d.	Storm Drain Stenciling Program	Highway Department/Conservation Commission	Storm Drains Stenciled by 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit Year 7 completed the stenciling of the storm drains, and no additional stenciling activities were determined to be needed during Permit Year 12.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review condition of stenciling in Permit Year 13.</li> </ul>
2.e.	Public review of Stormwater Management Plan	Administration/Highway Dept.	Post SWMP on Town web site, in library, and at Highway Dept. Track #responses or comments received; visitors to website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scanner purchased by DPW for the explicit purpose of scanning SWMP and posting on web site. SWMP scanned. To be posted on web site during the next Permit Year once new website is up and running (see 1.b)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SWMP to be posted on web site during Permit Year 13.</li> </ul>

### 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
3.a.	Mapping of Stormwater drainage system and outfalls	Highway Department/ GIS	Map locations of all storm structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mapping of Stormwater Structures completed: 100% of Outfalls, Open Inlets/Outlets, Catch Basins, Curb Inlets and Manholes; 4268 of 4268 of known structures mapped</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin field inventory of storm drainage system, to obtain structure conditions, direction of flow, and other data in Year 13.</li> </ul>
3.b.	Develop Illicit Discharge Detection/Elimination Plans	Highway Department	Work to set guidelines and measures for Illicit Discharge Detection/Elimination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be completed following completion of BMP ID #3.a (directional flow of storm drainage system)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon completion of BMP ID #3.a., develop plan.</li> </ul>
3.c.	Review Existing By-laws and Regulations	Planning Board/Simons	Evaluate existing bylaws/regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMP Completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
3.d.	Develop/Modify General Illicit discharge By-law	Planning Board/Simons	Development of bylaw; Adoption at public hearing of Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMP Completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
3.e.	Present General Illicit Discharge By-law to Town Meeting (Special)	Planning Board/Simons	Town Meeting Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illicit Bylaw passed at Town Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>



#### 4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) Permit Year 12	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
4.a.	Review Existing bylaws and Regulations	Planning Board/Simons	Determine if existing bylaws are accurate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed this task through a Town contract with Environmental Partners Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
4.b.	Develop/modify bylaws for Construction Site Runoff	Planning Board/Simons	Development of bylaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of Illicit Discharge Bylaw this year enabled the Planning Board to draft/approve implementing regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Board to review/finalize draft Regulations</li> </ul>
4.c.	Present bylaw for Town Meeting Action	Planning Board/Simons	Town Meeting Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A. See 4.b</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
4.d.	Review Existing Site Inspection Practices	Conservation Commission	Practices Reviewed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed and determined to be adequate between the Conservation Agent and Building Inspector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

#### 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	Planned Activities– Permit Year 13
5.a.	Review existing bylaws and regulations	Planning Board/Simons	Determine if existing bylaws/regulations are adequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed this task through a Town contract with Environmental Partners Group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
5.b.	Develop/Modify bylaws for Post Construction Runoff	Planning Board/Simons	Development of bylaw; adoption by appropriate board at public hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of Illicit Discharge Bylaw this year enabled the Planning Board to draft/approve implementing regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Board to review/finalize draft Regulations</li> </ul>
5.c.	Review Existing Site Inspection Practices	TBD by Town			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review site inspection practices.</li> </ul>
5.d.	Develop/Modify Site Inspection Practices	TBD by Town			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop/modify site inspection practices.</li> </ul>

## 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 12	Planned Activities – Permit Year 13
6.a.	Existing Practice, Street Sweeping Program	Highway Department	Conduct street sweeping once per year, twice per year for streets near Lee/Taunton Rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program completed for Permit Year 12. Over 90 miles of streets swept.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue annual sweeping of streets; semiannual sweeping of streets near Lee/Taunton Rivers.</li> </ul>
6.b.	Clean Catch Basins	Highway Department	Develop/implement cleaning schedule; Lee/Taunton Rivers, once per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 2,460 catch basins cleaned in Permit Year 12;</li> <li>Future cleaning schedule developed (all streets to receive once per year cleaning).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue annual catch basin cleaning program.</li> </ul>
6.c.	Train Municipal Employees at each facility	Highway Department	# Employees Trained; # Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No training conducted during Permit Year 12.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan for additional training in summer of 2015.</li> </ul>
6.d.	Perform Follow Ups to Ensure Required Practices are Met	Highway Department	Follow-up Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highway Superintendent performed QAQC on CB Cleaning/SS Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual follow-up to continue.</li> </ul>
6.e.	Existing Practice: Highway Department: Monitoring/Inspection of Facility Oil/Water Separator	Highway Department	Annual inspection of oil/water separator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection completed in Permit Year 12.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue annual inspection program.</li> </ul>

## Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

*No additional information has been collected or analyzed outside of what was listed in Part III above.*