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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report (Due: May 1, 2016)

Part I. General Information

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Date: April 26, 2016

Part II. Self-Assessment

CMRSWC CIC Grant FY2014 Summary of Activities Year 13: April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

In Year 13, the Town of Paxton continued to be an active participant in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (the Coalition). The Coalition's work in Year 13 (which overlaps municipal fiscal years 2014 and 2015) was funded entirely by contributions of approximately \$4,000 from each of the 28 participating Towns, including Paxton

Overview of the Coalition

The FY2014/2015 Coalition included 28 towns: Auburn, Boylston, Charlton, Dudley, Grafton, Hardwick, Holden, Hopkinton, Leicester, Millbury, Northborough, Northbridge, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Sturbridge, Upton, Uxbridge, Ware, Webster, West Boylston, Westborough, and Wilbraham. The Coalition was officially formed in FY2012 with 13 members, expanding to 30 in FY2013. The FY2016 Coalition will be comprised of 31 towns with the recent additions of Framingham, Lunenburg, and Marlborough.

The Coalition was officially formed in FY2012 with 13 members, expanding to 30 in FY2013. Its FY2014 work expanded efforts initiated in previous years to comply with requirements anticipated in the new Massachusetts MS4 Permit. The Coalition's FY2015 efforts were facilitated by the consulting firms of Tata & Howard, Inc., and Verdant Water, supported by vendor PeopleGIS. However, the Coalition members themselves continue to be responsible for putting the tools developed by the Coalition to use.

The implementation aspects included eight hours of one-on-one time, in which each member was provided with dedicated time from consultants that could be used for whatever was most needed. Paxton chose to review and update of our Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plans and have a "Field Day" training, where we received refresher training on the use of the field screening kits and/or the online mapping and inspection system.

The preparation aspects included work to both understand the technical components of the pending (at the time) Massachusetts MS4 Permit as well as how they will continue to afford the new Permit.

The group hosted a September 3, 2015 workshop by Keith Reading of Raftelis Financial Consultants, who has assisted more communities develop a stream of dedicated funding for stormwater management than anyone else. Three representatives from Paxton attended this presentation. The objective of the workshop was not to force the concept of a "stormwater utility", but to get community leaders thinking of stormwater funding as an enterprise, similar to how many already manage sanitary sewer funds.

The Coalition continues work on a Stormwater Program cost assessment for member towns, with most already being delivered. This task looks at what the community is actually spending on stormwater management, including staff labor (across many departments and positions), operations and maintenance, equipment costs (rental and depreciation), and third party vendors and consultants.

On April 15, 2015, a meeting of all member communities was held in Charlton, MA to develop a potential scope for FY2016 and determine how the group would be funded and administered going forward. One Paxton member was present for this meeting.

An update for all member communities was also presented at a meeting on September 3, 2015 prior to the stormwater funding workshop.

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The Coalition's Partnerships in Central Massachusetts

The Coalition continues to be actively engaged with many water quality agencies and organizations and is committed to sharing the knowledge it has developed for the benefit of other communities. These efforts are discussed in following sections as they relate to the following organizations:

- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- Other Massachusetts Stormwater Coalitions
- New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA)
- Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA)

Additional organizations and entities are mentioned elsewhere throughout this Annual Report, reflecting the wide network of knowledge and experience that the Coalition has tapped into.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)

The Coalition continued its partnership with the MassDEP in FY2014/2015, most recently announcing the receipt of a \$50,000 Stormwater Technical Assistance grant from the department. This grant will be used to develop training elements and outreach tools that target new or expanded elements in the new permit, and that can be used by communities across the Commonwealth.

MassDEP staff continues to attend CMRSWC Steering Committee events and make themselves available for technical assistance. The Coalition appreciates the ongoing dedication of MassDEP to work with our members so closely and collaboratively.

In FY2016, the CMRSWC hopes to develop another Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) with students from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). One potential concept for a FY2016 project is to work with MassDEP stormwater and solid waste staff to develop a streamlined method to determine appropriate beneficial reuse of street sweepings and/or grit from catch basin cleaning activities, thereby turning a material that can be costly to dispose into a source of revenue to our members.

United States Environmental Protection Agency

The Coalition continued collaboration with technical assistance staff in USEPA Region 1, with the goal of benefiting from knowledge and experience of the agency's staff and from its network. We appreciate the support of these agency staff, and believe this positive communication resulted in some modifications to the new MA MS4 permit (released on April 4, 2016) that make it more reasonable while still benefiting and protecting water quality.

Other Massachusetts Stormwater Coalitions

The Coalition continues to coordinate with "sister" groups with a similar stormwater focus. These include:

- The Merrimack Valley Stormwater Collaborative (coordinated by the Merrimack Valley Regional Planning Commission);
- The Neponset Stormwater Partnership (coordinated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Neponset River Watershed Association);
- The Northern Middlesex Stormwater Collaborative (coordinated by the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments);
- The Connecticut River Stormwater Committee (through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission); and

- The Southeastern Massachusetts Stormwater Collaborative (coordinated by the Southeastern Regional Services Group)

Many members of these groups were invited to attend the September 2015 stormwater funding workshop, and the facilitators of these different collaboratives have made the effort to inform the other groups of events they're hosting.

Importantly, these separate regional groups met twice in Year 13- on June 23, 2015 and September 17, 2015- to compare notes on activities in progress and share ideas on future collaborations. This statewide partnership will be expanding in Year 14.

Tasks Included in this Annual Report

One of the more innovative tools developed by the Coalition- one that spans across multiple MCM's- is the integrated online mapping and inspection database, hosted by PeopleGIS. The database is cloud-based, and can be accessed by all 28 member communities through a desktop or tablet computer.

In Year 13, as a member of the Coalition members Paxton expanded use of this resource, primarily by beginning the process of mapping linear infrastructure (like pipes and culverts) and doing more catch basin inspections using the tools. Both of these tasks are key to preparing to increase mapping and to perform the catchment evaluation process included in the 2016 MA MS4 Permit.

As noted in last year's report, this platform does not fit into just one of the MCM's. It aids communities with public education and outreach (MCM 1), as surveying is a highly-visible activity that will generate questions, and is an engaging demonstration to school groups. The integrated mapping and inspection database documents evidence of potential illicit discharges or the absence thereof (MCM 3), aids construction site stormwater control (MCM 4) by allowing for evaluation of how much sediment is contained in a sump, and makes good housekeeping (MCM 6) easier by collecting data on how often catch basins are cleaned. Other tasks and tools of the project connect to the integrated mapping and inspection database, which was designed to serve the needs of the Coalition communities well beyond the 2003 Massachusetts Small MS4 Permit. Each of the online forms is fluid- they will continue to be revised, as needed, to meet the goals of the Coalition members and future Massachusetts MS4 Permit requirements.

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
1	Develop and distribute educational brochures	DPW Superintendent		Provided information on stormwater issues, stenciling program, etc. on the Town’s website and at the Library	Continue with program
Revised					
2	Create a Town Website	Town Administrator	Create a Town Website and keep it current	Continue to place information on the website, direct people to the site and to the Coalition’s site	Continue with this program
Revised					
3	Educate restaurants about grease traps etc.	Board of Health	Quarterly reports required on grease trap maintenance, cleaning and grease disposal	Reports submitted and reviewed by the Board of Health	Continue to monitor through this program
Revised					
4	Stenciling Storm Drains	DPW Superintendent	Stencil drains	Reports received and reviewed	Continue with program
Revised					
	Erect Tributary signage	DPW Superintendent	Tributary signage	Tributary signage in place	Continue with signage
Revised					
					Continue as a member of the Coalition and attend workshops and educational forums
Revised					Promote as necessary on Facebook and Website

1a. Additions

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- Sharing public service announcements (PSA’s) developed by our member communities and partners
- Impact of leaking sanitary sewers on stormwater and water quality
- Low Impact Development (LID) workshops and training courses held by partners in or near our member communities did a presentation to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission at its Summer Legislative Breakfast, in Worcester, MA.
- On July 13, 2015, a Coalition consultant did a presentation to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies at its Summer Conference in Providence, Rhode Island.
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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
1 Revised	Stormwater Control Bylaw adopted May 2006	Town Administrator	Stormwater Control Bylaw updated 2012	Permitting taking place through the Planning Board. Developers & Contractors apply for stormwater permit	Continue to hold hearings
2 Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

2a. Additions

In Year 13, the Coalition expanded its efforts to educate the public and other communities about its work. This includes the following:

- On May 12, 2015, Robin Craver (Charlton, MA) presented at the 6th Annual Water Resources Strategies Symposium, hosted by the Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship, sharing information on stormwater program costs and ways to create regional efficiencies.
- On May 15, 2015, a Coalition consultant did a presentation to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) at its Board meeting in Bolton, MA.
- On June 26, 2015, Robin Craver (Charlton, MA) and a Coalition consultant did a presentation to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission at its Summer Legislative Breakfast, in Worcester, MA.
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- The Coalition continued to expand its educational website, www.CentralMAStormwater.org, focused on providing information about the project to a number of audiences, including the general public, educators, and kids.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 8 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
1.	Storm water system map	DPW Superintendent	Map completed	Map in use as a maintenance and inspection aid	Continue program
Revised					
2.	Regulatory mechanism prohibiting stormwater discharges into storm drains`	DPW Superintendent	Adopted regulations	Educate public Stormwater Bylaw and regulations including IDDE	
Revised					
3	Education of Town employees, businesses and the public on the hazards of illegal discharges and improper waste disposal	DPW Superintendent Board of Health		Discussions and training held with the DPW working throughout the year Stormwater and Coalition workshops attended	Continue Program and outreach
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

3a. Additions

Paxton chose to use some of their “one-on-one” time to update and revise the Town’s IDDE

Paxton continued to utilize the two Leica surveying devices (purchased by the Coalition in Year 10) that can be used to map new structures with very high accuracy, using connection to a military-grade Real Time Kinematic (RTK) satellite network. The Leica and tablets can be used to directly access the online mapping and inspection system: the Leica is the most valuable for mapping outfalls, catch basins, pipe, drain manholes, BMPs, and other components of the

MS4, while the tablet computers will be most valuable for ongoing inspection of the structures. These two activities serve as the foundation of IDDE. The Leica units rotate between the 28 Coalition communities on a schedule, with formal handoff between Towns documented.

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 8 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
1.	Bylaw requiring implementation of BMP on construction site	Town Administrator & Planning Board	Adoption of Stormwater Bylaw and permitting process	Hearings held with developers. DCR inspected sites and no problems reported	Continue with procedures that are in place and appear to be working well
Revised					
2.	Establish procedures for site inspections	Town Administrator Planning Board	Inspections	DCR inspected during dry and wet events and reported no significant problems and minor remedial activities completed	Continue with procedures that are in place and appear to be working well
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
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 8 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
1.	Post Construction controls included in Stormwater Management Bylaw	Planning Board	Controls in place and working	Site inspections by DCR	Continue with program
Revised					
2.	Review Open Space Plan for BMP Strategies	Open Space Committee	BMP's adopted	New plan completed and adopted	Continue with program
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

5a. Additions

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 8 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
1.	Procedures and documentation for scheduled maintenance of catch basins, detention basins and other drainage structures	Town Administrator DPW Superintendent	Adopt procedures	Catch basin program in place	Continue yearly maintenance
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

6a. Additions

In Year 13, Paxton continued to utilize the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) template in the form of a word processing document. This document was developed in Year 10 and addresses elements common to all SWPPPs, including storage of materials, site inspection practices, water sampling, training, spill prevention and cleanup, Standard Operating Procedures for a number of activities, and other sections. The SWPPP template covers many types of municipal properties. This includes highway department garages and public works yards- where salt is stored and vehicle maintenance or storage is completed- as well as parks, golf courses, and cemeteries, where fertilizers and pesticides may be applied and lawn mowing activities may result in small spills. The SWPPP template includes built-in instructions to make it as simple as possible for each community to develop a SWPPP for a property, simply by deleting text that doesn't apply.

In Year 13, Paxton continued to utilize the 15 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) developed by the Coalition in Year 10, and intended to provide guidance on activities required or encouraged by the 2003 Massachusetts Small MS4 Permit. These SOPs addressed such diverse activities or needs as outfall inspection (both dry weather and wet weather), catch basin cleaning, erosion and sedimentation control, oil/water separator maintenance, use and storage of pesticides and fertilizers, and many more. The group developed standard forms and methodologies for these procedures, many of which were incorporated into the Integrated Online Mapping and Inspection System, described in following paragraphs.

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 8 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					
Revised					

7a. Additions

7b. WLA Assessment

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

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, 2015 through March 31, 2016)

Programmatic

	(Preferred Units)	Response
Stormwater management position created/staffed	(y/n)	N
Annual program budget/expenditures **	(\$)	\$4,000
Total program expenditures since beginning of permit coverage	(\$)	**\$192,000
Funding mechanism(s) (General Fund, Enterprise, Utility, etc)		CIC
**One of thirty communities receiving a total of \$80,000 CIC Grant money		

Education, Involvement, and Training

Estimated number of property owners reached by education program(s)	(# or %)	80%
Stormwater management committee established	(y/n)	*N
Stream teams established or supported	(# or y/n)	N
Shoreline clean-up participation or quantity of shoreline miles cleaned **	(y/n or mi.)	N/A
Shoreline cleaned since beginning of permit coverage	(mi.)	N/A
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days		
▪ days sponsored **	(#)	147
▪ community participation **	(# or %)	262 families
▪ material collected **	(tons or gal)	7,700 gallons
School curricula implemented	(y/n)	N
Paxton is in partnership with six other communities known as Wachusett Earthday Recycling Center		

*** Currently being administered through the DPW Superintendent and Town Administrator**

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	(%)	100%
Estimated or actual number of outfalls	(#)	115
System-Wide mapping complete (complete storm sewer infrastructure)	(%)	100%
Mapping method(s)		
▪ Paper/Mylar	(%)	100%
▪ CADD	(%)	
▪ GIS	(%)	100%
Outfalls inspected/screened **	(# or %)	10%
Outfalls inspected/screened (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(# or %)	10%
Illicit discharges identified **	(#)	0
Illicit discharges identified (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#)	0
Illicit connections removed **	(#); and (est. gpd)	0
Illicit connections removed (Since beginning of permit coverage)	(#); and (est. gpd)	0
% of population on sewer	(%)	.04%
% of population on septic systems	(%)	99.96%

Construction

(Preferred Units) Response

Number of construction starts (>1-acre) **	(#)	2
Estimated percentage of construction starts adequately regulated for erosion and sediment control **	(%)	100%
Site inspections completed **	(# or %)	2
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 (for proper BMP installation & operation) completed **	(# or %)	2
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/Yearly
Average frequency of catch basin cleaning (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	1/Yearly
Qty of structures cleaned **	(#)	250
Qty. of storm drain cleaned **	(%, LF or mi.)	25 %
Qty. of screenings/debris removed from storm sewer infrastructure **	(lbs. or tons)	40 tons
Disposal or use of screenings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	Compost

Basin Cleaning Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	\$6,000.
• Hourly or per basin contract rate **	(\$/hr or \$ per basin)	\$21.42 per hour non contract
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	\$0
Cleaning Equipment		
• Clam shell truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	1
• Vacuum truck(s) owned/leased	(#)	0
• Vacuum trucks specified in contracts	(y/n)	No
• % Structures cleaned with clam shells **	(%)	100%
• % Structures cleaned with vactor **	(%)	0

(Preferred Units) Response

Average frequency of street sweeping (non-commercial/non-arterial streets) **	(times/yr)	Yearly
Average frequency of street sweeping (commercial/arterial or other critical streets) **	(times/yr)	Yearly
Qty. of sand/debris collected by sweeping **	(lbs. or tons)	50 tons
Disposal of sweepings (landfill, POTW, compost, beneficial use, etc.) **	(location)	Mooreland Cemetery
Annual Sweeping Costs		
• Annual budget/expenditure (labor & equipment)**	(\$)	\$6,000
• Hourly or lane mile contract rate **	(\$/hr. or ln mi.)	N/A
• Disposal cost**	(\$)	\$0
Sweeping Equipment		
• Rotary brush street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	1
• Vacuum street sweepers owned/leased	(#)	0
• Vacuum street sweepers specified in contracts	(y/n)	No
• % Roads swept with rotary brush sweepers **	%	100%
• % Roads swept with vacuum sweepers **	%	0

Reduction (since beginning of permit coverage) in application on public land of: ("N/A" = never used; "100%" = elimination)		
▪ Fertilizers	(lbs. or %)	50%
▪ Herbicides	(lbs. or %)	50%
▪ Pesticides	(lbs. or %)	50%
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Practices Implemented	(y/n)	No

	(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	50% MgCl ₂ 50%
Pre-wetting techniques utilized **	(y/n or %)	N
Manual control spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	Y 80%
Zero-velocity spreaders used **	(y/n or %)	Y 20%
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year salt/chemical application rate	(±lbs/l _n mi. or %)	-50%
Estimated net reduction or increase in typical year sand application rate **	(±lbs/l _n mi. or %)	+50%
% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s)	(%)	100%
Storage shed(s) in design or under construction	(y/n or #)	N
100% of salt/chemical pile(s) covered in storage shed(s) by May 2008	(y/n)	100%

Water Supply Protection

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

Coalition Activities in Year 14 (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

The following are some, but not all, of the work presently underway by the Coalition in Year 14:

- *Administration.* The long-term goal of the Coalition has always been to be self-sustaining, and this was made a reality in Year 13. The Coalition’s Steering Committee drafted a bylaw in Year 13 that will govern how the group makes future decisions. The group will add three new communities in Year 14, continuing to be fully self-funded. The Coalition’s leadership is committed to keeping the momentum developed in recent years, and sharing the resources for the improvement of water quality in New England.
- *Funding.* The Coalition maintains a strong network of partners, and will continue to evaluate funding sources that become available, including competitive USEPA grants dedicated to MS4 communities as well as 319 and 604(b) grants appropriate for community-wide water quality projects.
- *Public Outreach and Education.* We are implementing development of training and outreach tools, made possible through a \$50,000 MassDEP Stormwater Technical Assistance grant. We are also considering developing of Coalition-specific outreach materials using FY2016 funding. Finally, the Coalition plans to increase its use of Twitter as a measurable outreach tool.
- *IDDE.* The Coalition is developing competitive pricing for its members that wish to use Environmental Canine Services to perform IDDE screening-level assessments. The catchment delineation tool initially developed during the WPI IQP Fall 2013 project will be revised, modified, finalized, and distributed for use by Coalition towns. The Request for Proposals (RFP) developed in Year 10 (for a third-party firm to perform many of the field or inspection services defined in the 15 SOP’s, including outfall inspection (dry weather and/or wet weather), water quality monitoring, catch basin inspection, and other related tasks) will be re-evaluated in Year 14 to match the 2016 MA MS4 Permit. Improving the knowledge of IDDE components by many town departments will likely be a substantial component of FY2016 work.
- *Good Housekeeping.* The Coalition may coordinate an on-site demonstration of calibrating deicing equipment at a member community’s highway facility. This active demonstration will provide a real-life example of the benchmarking process developed in Year 10 and encourage members to calibrate their own equipment, with a goal of reducing pounds of chloride per lane mile. The Coalition is in the initial phases of developing an IQP project with Worcester Polytechnic Institute and MassDEP to develop a pilot project for beneficial reuse of catch basin cleaning materials.