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NPDES PHASE II Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

Part I. General Information

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Title: Commissioner

Date: _____

Part II. New Developments / Self-Assessment

The City would like to thank the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) for their ongoing storm water education. They have been active this past year maintaining the rain gardens and including high school students interested in environmental education. We will provide more detailed and hands on education of these BMPs.

The City installed and is operating a new vehicle washing station with oil/grit separator at the Highway Department.

The City of Pittsfield has completed the required self-assessment and has determined that our municipality is in compliance with permit conditions with the exception of the following:

Part I. D. 4 - To our knowledge the state has not yet drafted TMDLs for waters within the boundaries of the City. The City will consider measures to address pollutants of concern for impaired waters in subsequent permit periods.

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 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
PEO1	Delineate critical habitats and ecosystems in the community.	Engineering / Ryan Grennan, Tim Croce	Implement GIS technology to create data layer mapping.	Critical habitat layer is now part of our GIS database.	None
PEO2	Disseminate storm water educational brochures at household hazardous waste collection days.	CET and DPW&U / David Turocy	Collaborate with CET and HVA to make storm water related educational materials available to hand out beginning with the household hazardous waste collection days.	Most recent event was held October 7, 2017.	Educational materials will be made available at future electronic and household hazardous waste collection events.

PEO3	Utility bill inserts	CET and DPW&U / David Turocy	Collaborated in the past with CET and HVA to create and disseminate educational brochures with utility bills twice per year. The brochures addressed different subjects such as the basics of hydrology; what a storm drain is; danger of and alternatives to pesticides, fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides; hotline phone number to report suspected illegal dumping or illicit discharge; date, time, location and materials that will be accepted at household hazardous waste collection events.	No activity this reporting period.	Collaborate with HVA to create and disseminate educational utility bill inserts.
PEO4	Media	Engineering / Tim Croce	Schedule roundtable with CET and HVA on the Mayor's radio and television programs within the next six months; investigate the possibility of securing a periodic time slot dedicated to environmental awareness and storm water topics.	No activity this reporting period.	Meet with CET and HVA to brainstorm other possible media outreach.
PEO5	Walk-in / website outreach	Engineering / Tim Croce	Continue to make educational materials available to the public in this office and other offices in City Hall. Add information and links to the City's website.	Various environmental education materials are posted and available in brochure format at 100 North Street.	Continue same.

PEO6	<p>Classroom and hands on storm water education for school children.</p> <p>HVA has an excellent program in place that combines a classroom presentation including an environmental model and a subsequent field day when students label catch basins with an important message.</p>	HVA	<p>Partner with HVA in supporting their educational programs to afford every public and private student the opportunity to participate and learn. We see this as an ongoing BMP that can be modified and adapted to reach other groups and focus on additional field parameters.</p> <p>From the HVA website: “Community Education. HVA can provide speakers for community events, annual meetings, educational forums and other adult activities. HVA can also provide displays on the Housatonic River for your event. We sponsor and conduct educational seminars for land use officials and others on topics of interest. Check with us for details.”</p>	<p>HVA continued their storm water educational programs.</p> <p>City wrote letters in support of HVA grant applications.</p>	Continue same. Partner with HVA on new / different outreach efforts.
PEO7	Toxics use reduction	CET	Partner with CET to reduce the use of toxic products on lawns and gardens through education and outreach.	CET continued their toxics use reduction outreach and education.	<p>Continue to support CET’s efforts throughout the community.</p> <p>Write letters of support for CET’s grant applications.</p>
PEO8	Responsible recreational vehicle use	Engineering / Tim Croce	Collaborate with HVA, CET, Massachusetts Environmental Police and/or others to educate and survey recreational vehicle retailers and consumers, urging care and proper procedure when fueling and servicing their boats, jet skis, wave runners, snowmobiles, motorcycles, four wheelers, etc.	No activity this reporting period.	Meet with local environmental groups to discuss and implement effective means of educating the target audience; i.e. point of sale and point of use outreach, manufacturer’s literature, etc.

2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities–
PIP1	Revised: Public review of Notice of Intent and annual reports.	Engineering / Tim Croce	Solicit review and commentary from the citizens of Pittsfield, CET, HVA and BRPC within the next six months. Incorporate such feedback into the City’s storm water management plan, as warranted.	Activity completed in prior reporting periods.	Continue to make program information available.
PIP2	Illicit discharge / illegal dumping hotline	Unknown at this time.	Revise City code to establish severe penalties and punishment for illegal dumping. Assess the willingness and ability of City, County and State law enforcement officials to impose penalties and punishment for illegal dumping. Establish and advertise a hotline number within the next two years.	No activity this reporting period.	None
PIP3	Volunteer monitoring	HVA	Conduct annual survey to determine the number of new volunteers that join HVA’s existing program as a result of public education and outreach.	No activity this reporting period.	None

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
IDDE1	Identifying illicit connections	DPW&U / David Turocy	<p>Revised:</p> <p>Continue working with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) to resolve illicit discharge problems. HVA conducts water quality testing near our storm drain outfalls and contacts us when an illicit discharge is detected. The Water Division then investigates the storm drain at points of access, working up gradient from the outfall until the problem is isolated. This partnership has already yielded corrective results thanks to the devotion of the HVA volunteer monitors and the hard work of the Water Division.</p> <p>Generate plan for dry weather inspection, camera survey, smoke testing, and/or dye testing of storm drains.</p>	High fecal coliform number was discovered at one outfall to Housatonic River. A private sanitary sewer connection to storm water system was identified as the source of the issue, and this was terminated.	Continue to implement report recommendations. Continue working with HVA to maintain the activity of the Stream Team monitoring program.

IDDE2	Illicit discharge / illegal dumping hotline	DPW&U / David Turocy	<p>Revise City code to establish severe penalties and punishment for illegal dumping.</p> <p>Assess the willingness and ability of City, County and State law enforcement officials to impose penalties and punishment for illegal dumping.</p> <p>Establish and advertise a hotline number within the next two years.</p>	No activity this reporting period.	None
IDDE3	Illegal Dumping	DPW&U / David Turocy	<p>Revise City code to establish severe penalties and punishment for illegal dumping.</p> <p>Assess the willingness and ability of City, County and State law enforcement officials to impose penalties and punishment for illegal dumping.</p>	No activity this reporting period.	None
IDDE4	Storm drain Mapping	Engineering / Ryan Grennan, Tim Croce	Verify accuracy of storm drain drawings and modify as necessary, upgrade to GIS over five year timeline.	The entire municipal storm drain system is mapped on the city's GIS system.	GIS mapping is revised / updated to reflect new construction, field survey data, changes, additions, etc. through our full time GIS coordinator.

4. Construction Site Storm water Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
C1	Require erosion & sediment control plan for all construction sites disturbing less than one acre, which are not in wetland resource areas.	Engineering / Tim Croce	Collaborate with the Conservation Commission over the next year to establish requirements and review process.	Covered in city ordinance.	None.
C2	Require site plan and signed covenant for waste management and vehicle maintenance for all construction sites disturbing less than one acre which are not in wetland resource areas.	Engineering / Tim Croce	Collaborate with the Conservation Commission over the next year to establish requirements and review process. Generate covenant within the next year, revise City code to support enforcement of covenant.	None	None.
C3	Require escrow account from developer for all construction projects.	DPW&U / David Turocy	Revise City code and/or subdivision regulations to require an escrow account from the developer to be used by the City to employ the services of an independent, qualified construction inspector selected solely by the City. This account will be required in addition to a performance bond.	Implemented. Using funds for third party review.	Use funds also for construction inspection.

5. Post-Construction Storm water Management in New Development and Redevelopment

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
PC1	Structural	Engineering / Tim Croce	<p>Inventory and document all existing structural storm water management facilities within the city, evaluate their current condition, identify the parties responsible for maintenance and any existing maintenance schedules (typically part of the articles of incorporation), request schedule if none exists, request written documentation of maintenance performed to date and annually thereafter.</p> <p>Review and revise as necessary the City's construction specifications and standards, city code, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations.</p>	<p>Continued same (has been effective):</p> <p>All new construction applicants are required to manage storm water runoff onsite and maximize infiltration and water quality treatment. Connections to the city's storm drain system are prohibited unless the applicant can prove that site conditions will not fully support onsite management.</p> <p>Encouraged low impact development through reduction of subdivision roadway width requirement (from 30 feet to 24 feet).</p> <p>All new catch basins are required to have a minimum 4'-deep sump and oil / water /debris separator.</p> <p>Revised construction standards, permit language and development requirements.</p>	Continue to develop.

PC2	Nonstructural	Engineering / Tim Croce	Establish criteria for site planning that requires incorporation of non-structural storm water management measures (trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.) where applicable.	The city continues to study and encourage low impact development. We continue to collaborate with designers and developers to include items such as rain gardens and water quality swales. We continue to emphasize LID and other water quality BMPs in our reviews of plans as per our storm water ordinance.	Continue to develop.
PC3	Ordinance	DPW&U / David Turocy and City Council	Review and revise as necessary the City's construction specifications and standards, city code, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations to clearly define storm water management requirements, policies and practices.	The storm water ordinance continues to be enforced.	Revise as needed.

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 15 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
PPGH1	Continue used motor oil, oil filter and antifreeze recycling.	DPW&U / David Turocy		Continue same.	Continue same.
PPGH2	Responsible pest control	DPW&U/ David Turocy Highway / Dan Ostrander Water & Sewer/ Brian Stack Wastewater / Carl Shaw Parks / Jim McGrath Buildings / Brian Filiault	Although the City of Pittsfield uses little to no chemical pesticides at this time, we will be working with CET to create an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan for the City that minimizes use of Tier 1 chemicals to the MEP.	Idle for now as it was determined that the City currently uses little to no pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.	None.

PPGH3	Vehicle washing	Highway / Dan Ostrander Water & Sewer/ Brian Stack Wastewater / Carl Shaw Parks / Jim McGrath Buildings / Brian Filiault	Revised: Establish and implement a policy for washing City vehicles only on grassed areas, areas that drain to the sanitary sewer via an oil / water separator or in an area where wash water is contained and pumped to the sanitary sewer. City conducted audits of all municipal facilities including facilities that include vehicle washing operations. Recommendations were made regarding long term washing operations which are currently under review by the City.	A vehicle washing station with oil/grit separator has been constructed and is in operation at the Highway Department yard.	Write official policy. Share policy with all City departments that own/operate or maintain City vehicles. Check to see if we are implementing. If not, re-educate Department Heads and staff.
PPGH4	Research alternatives to road salts and effective application rates	Engineering / Tim Croce Highway / Dan Ostrander DPW&U/ David Turocy	Research effective alternatives to conventional road salts that are more environmentally friendly and techniques of effective lower salt application rates. Research road salt application rates of other communities in Berkshire County and the northeast region. Perform active experimentation on designated sections of roadway and document results, starting winter 2003/2004. Create a map identifying sensitive areas where little or no salt shall be applied (bridges, culverts, wetlands, etc.); to be completed and distributed within the next year.	No activity this reporting period.	Review “Manual of Practice for an Effective Anti-Icing Program” and additional research. Involve the Highway Superintendent and Commissioner.

PPGH5	Household hazardous waste collection events(HHWCE)	CET and DPW&U / David Turocy	Collaborate with CET (or others) to organize one HHWCE for each spring, summer and fall in the City of Pittsfield.	Event was held October 7, 2017.	Continue same.
PPGH6	Street & parking lot sweeping	Highway / Dan Ostrander	Revised: Sweep streets before flushing water mains, consider vacuum sweepers	Streets & parking lots were swept. Water main flushing priority is being given to streets closest to lakes and streams. Increased frequency of downtown area sweeping.	Streets & parking lots will be swept.
PPGH7	Storm drain system cleaning	Water & Sewer/ Brian Stack Highway/ Dan Ostrander DPW&U / David Turocy	Revised: Clean each catch basin once annually. Inspect each outfall once annually and clean accordingly.	City's Water Department and Highway Department clean catch basins; city also contracts this work.	Continue same.
PPGH8	Proper snow disposal	Highway / Dan Ostrander	Develop policy and train Highway Department personnel.	No activity this reporting period.	Write official policy. Train staff.