

Dear Kate Renahan,

Hi! I live in Maynard, Massachusetts, along the Assabet River (within the Merrimack watershed). My family and I like to walk downtown through Maynard and feed the ducks and geese that gather along the banks of the river. The river is severely polluted; it is a brown-orange color, with large amounts of obvious trash (plastics, paper, metals). I am concerned for not only the wildlife, but of the conditions of types of pollutants that are within the river and where they come from. Therefore, I am writing this to convey my strong support for the EPA's Municipal Storm Sewer General Permit for the Interstate, Merrimack and South Coastal Watersheds in Massachusetts. I also support a strong permit which ensures that adequate action is taken now to improve stormwater management in our watershed, and to begin to improve things now, so that I may enjoy feeding the ducks and perhaps even stick my toes in someday. Thank you very much. Have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Macfarlane