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RE: Stormwater Phase II Permit

Ms. Renahan,

I confess to not having read the Phase II Permit, however I am aware of the Towns of Milford, Franklin and Bellingham who have been obligated by the Federal Stormwater Guidelines requiring them to retain all Stormwater on site, removing Phosphates and implementing Local Stormwater Fees.

When he was Secretary of EOE Bob Durand had studies done of all the 301 Cities and Towns. The result of studying the 495 Area was that if we did not address Water Recharge, there'd be no water along this corridor in twenty years. Stormwater MUST be retained on Site utilizing LID , Low Impact Development, allowing the recharge of our Aquifers.

Additionally the Phosphates, Copper and other discharge from Vehicles to the roads and ultimately entering our rivers and streams has to be address as well. Our highways need Berms with Collector Drains to filter these contaminants.

Two years ago Congressman Oberstar ,co-chair of Federal Infrastructure Committee, produced a three (3) hour TV production, entitled Water , Wastewater and Stormwater. THIS ALSO REINFORCED Bob Durand's Study, that we will be without Water if we do not protect Groundwater Recharge. This was a National Study and has been aired a few times on TV.

Wastewater, Sewering is being totally ignored. We cannot continue to Dump millions of gallons of water into the Oceans.

As Bob Zimmerman of the Charles River Watershed has stated, "once Water leaves it's source , It is gone forever not to return to that Aquifer. Water needs are International.

Unless we adequately conserve water loss Now and implement the necessary Regs a disaster of No Drinking Water will result. Water Reuse , Graywater, Low Flush toilets, shower controls,etc need to be built into our Plumbing Codes. Washing Machines, Dishwashers should be either reused or connected to Drywells. ONLY Toilets need to be connected to Sewers.

Future Developments Must strictly adhere to maintaining Water on Site, Detention/Retention Ponds, and/or other LID methods.

Thanks you for Allowing me to address these Issues.

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