

**Year 1 Annual Report**  
**Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit**  
**Reporting Period: May 1, 2018-June 30, 2019**

*\*\*Please DO NOT attach any documents to this form. Instead, attach all requested documents to an email when submitting the form\*\**

*Unless otherwise noted, all fields are required to be filled out. If a field is left blank, it will be assumed the requirement or task has not been completed.*

**Part I: Contact Information**

Name of Municipality or Organization:

EPA NPDES Permit Number:

**Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information**

Name:  Title:

Street Address Line 1:

Street Address Line 2:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Email:  Phone Number:

Fax Number:

**Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information**

SWMP Location (web address):

Date SWMP was Last Updated:

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address and an explanation of why it is not posted on the web:

### Part II: Self Assessment

First, in the box below, select the impairment(s) and/or TMDL(s) that are applicable to your MS4.

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| <b>Impairment(s)</b>   |   |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Chloride                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals |   |   |  |
| <b>TMDL(s)</b>   |   |   |  |
| <i>In State:</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Assabet River Phosphorus           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria and Pathogen    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Cod Nitrogen     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Charles River Watershed Phosphorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake and Pond Phosphorus |  |
| <i>Out of State:</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Metals                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen              |
|  |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus            |
|  |   |   | <b>Clear Impairments and TMDLs</b>             |

Next, check off all requirements below that have been completed. **By checking each box you are certifying that you have completed that permit requirement fully.** If you have not completed a requirement leave the box unchecked. Additional information will be requested in later sections.

#### Year 1 Requirements

- Develop and begin public education and outreach program
- Identify and develop inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4 in the last 5 years
  - The SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
  - The SSO inventory can be found at the following website:  

www.northbridgemass.org
- Develop written IDDE plan including a procedure for screening and sampling outfalls
- IDDE ordinance complete
- Identify each outfall and interconnection discharging from MS4, classify into the relevant category, and priority rank each catchment for investigation
  - The priority ranking of outfalls/interconnections is attached to the email submission
  - The priority ranking of outfalls/interconnections can be found at the following website:  

www.northbridgemass.org
- Construction/ Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) ordinance complete
- Develop written procedures for site inspections and enforcement of sediment and erosion control measures
- Develop written procedures for site plan review
- Keep a log of catch basins cleaned or inspected
- Complete inspection of all stormwater treatment structures

#### Annual Requirements

- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Comply with State Public Notice requirements
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters
- Annual training to employees involved in IDDE program
- All curbed roadways have been swept a minimum of one time per year

**Phosphorus** (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)

Annual Requirements

*Public Education and Outreach\**

- Distribute an annual message in the spring (April/May) that encourages the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encourages the proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilizers
- Distribute an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- Distribute an annual message in the fall (August/September/October) encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter

*\* Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix H and F for more information)*

*Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations*

- Increase street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots subject to Permit part 2.3.7.a.iii.(c) to a minimum of two times per year (spring and fall)

*Potential structural BMPs*

Any structural BMPs listed in Attachment 3 to Appendix F already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents shall be tracked and the permittee shall estimate the phosphorus removal by the BMP consistent with Attachment 1 to Appendix H. Document the BMP type, total area treated by the BMP, the design storage volume of the BMP and the estimated phosphorus removed in mass per year by the BMP in each each annual report

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**Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or Metals**

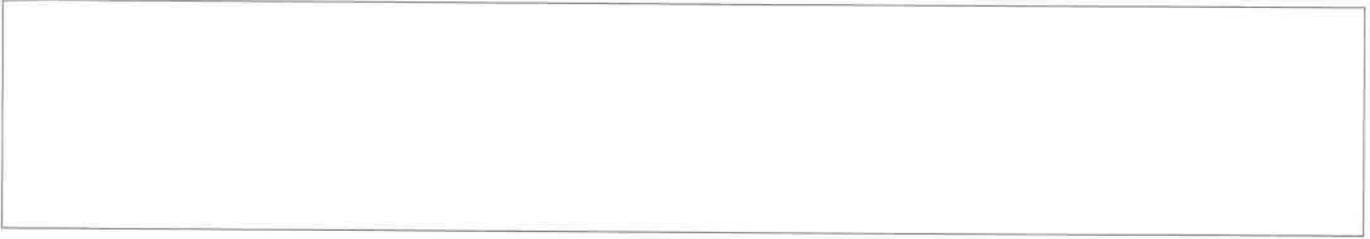
Annual Requirements

*Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations*

- Increase street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots to a schedule to target areas with potential for high pollutant loads
- Prioritize inspection and maintenance for catch basins to ensure that no sump shall be more than 50 percent full; Clean catch basins more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicate excessive sediment or debris loadings

Use the box below to input additional details on any unchecked boxes above or any additional information you would like to share as part of your self assessment:

We clean "low area" catchbasins that accumulate debris more frequently. We are seeking town appropriated funding to perform the complete inspections of inspection of all stormwater treatment structures.



### Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?

Yes  No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

We determined that based on the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program Automatically Designated MS4 Areas "Regulated Areas" Map entitled UA Based on 2000 Census & UA Based on 2010 Census" - our receiving waters, outfalls or impairments mapping is 100% complete.

### Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Please fill out all of the metrics below. If applicable, include in the description who completed the task if completed by a third party.

#### MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed during the reporting period:

Below, report on the educational messages completed during the first year. For the measurable goal(s) please describe the method/measures used to assess the overall effectiveness of the educational program.

**BMP: [Message name here]**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Distribute an annual message using town website and local cable television network in the spring (April/May) that encourages the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encourages the proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilizers.

Distribute an annual message using town website and local cable television network in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate

Distribute an annual message using town website and local cable television network in the fall (August/September/October) encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter.

Participated in a "Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor "catchbasin labeling" effort with students in April 2019.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Currently underway with CMRSWC and other municipal departments. Scheduled to be completed with 2-years of the effective date of permit. Inadequate funding remains an issue. Measurable Goals include number of businesses, community and student contacts, and quantities of waste collections.

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements  Appendix H Requirements

Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes  No

If yes, describe why the change was made:

### MCM2: Public Participation

Describe the opportunity provided for public involvement in the development of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) during the reporting period:

The Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) was posted on the Town of Northbridge website for public review, involvement or comments.

Was this opportunity different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes  No

Describe any other public involvement or participation opportunities conducted during the reporting period:

Other than involvement in the Central Massachusetts Regional Storm Water Coalition (CMRSWC) - none at this time.

### MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

#### Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

*Below, report on the number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed during this reporting period.*

Number of SSOs identified:

Number of SSOs removed:

*Below, report on the total number of SSOs identified in the MS4 system and removed to date. At a minimum, report SSOs identified since 2013.*

Total number of SSOs identified:

Total number of SSOs removed:

#### MS4 System Mapping

Describe the status of your MS4 map, including any progress made during the reporting period:

We determined that based on the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program Automatically Designated MS4 Areas "Regulated Areas" Map entitled UA Based on 2000 Census & UA Based on 2010 Census" - our receiving waters, outfalls or impairments mapping is 100% complete.

**Screening of Outfalls/Interconnections**

*If conducted, please submit any outfall monitoring results from this reporting period. Outfall monitoring results should include the date, outfall/interconnection identifier, location, weather conditions at time of sampling, precipitation in previous 48 hours, field screening parameter results, and results from all analyses.*

- The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- The outfall screening data can be found at the following website:

No outfall screening performed at this time. We will seek town appropriated funding to perform these tasks via contract services since we do not have adequate staff to do so.

*Below, report on the number of outfalls/interconnections screened during this reporting period.*

Number of outfalls screened:

*Below, report on the percent of total outfalls/ interconnections screened to date.*

Percent of total outfalls screened:

**Catchment Investigations**

*If conducted, please submit all data collected during this reporting period as part of the dry and wet weather investigations. Also include the presence or absence of System Vulnerability Factors for each catchment.*

- The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- The catchment investigation data can be found at the following website:

Other than routine inspections when cleaning catchbasins - no catchment investigations have been performed at this time. We will seek town appropriated funding to perform these tasks via contract services since we do not have adequate staff to do so. Refer to IDDE Plan.

*Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed during this reporting period.*

Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period:

*Below, report on the percent of catchments investigated to date.*

Percent of total catchments investigated:

*Optional: Provide any additional information for clarity regarding the catchment investigations below:*

Other than routine inspections when cleaning catchbasins - no catchment investigations have been performed at this time. We will seek town appropriated funding to perform these tasks via contract services since we do not have adequate staff to do so.

**IDDE Progress**

*If illicit discharges were found, please submit a document describing work conducted over this reporting period, and cumulative to date, including location source; description of the discharge; method of discovery; date of discovery; and date of elimination, mitigation, or enforcement OR planned corrective measures and schedule of removal.*

- The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission

- The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following website:

*Below, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed, along with the volume of sewage removed during this reporting period.*

Number of illicit discharges identified:

Number of illicit discharges removed:

Estimated volume of sewage removed:

*Below, report on the total number of illicit discharges identified and removed to date. At a minimum, report on the number of illicit discharges identified and removed since the effective date of the permit.*

Total number of illicit discharges identified:

Total number of illicit discharges removed:

*Optional:* Provide any additional information for clarity regarding illicit discharges identified, removed, or planned to be removed below:

**Employee Training**

Describe the frequency and type of employee training conducted during the reporting period:

**MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

*Below, report on the construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions completed during this reporting period.*

Number of site plan reviews completed:

Number of inspections completed:

Number of enforcement actions taken:

**MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment**

**Ordinance Development**

Describe the status of the post-construction ordinance required to be complete in year 2 of the permit term:

Not complete at this time. We will continue to work closely with the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) and municipal departments to complete this task.

**As-built Drawings**

Describe the status of the measures the MS4 has utilized to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites required to be complete in year 2 of the permit term:

Not complete at this time. We will continue to work closely with the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) and municipal departments to complete this task.

**Street Design and Parking Lots Report**

Describe the status of the street design and parking lots assessment due in year 4 of the permit term, including any planned or completed changes to local regulations and guidelines:

Not complete at this time. We will continue to work closely with the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) to complete this task.

**Green Infrastructure Report**

Describe the status of the green infrastructure report due in year 4 of the permit term, including the findings and progress towards making the practice allowable:

Not complete at this time. We will continue to work closely with the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) to complete this task.

**Retrofit Properties Inventory**

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 4 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas and report on any properties that have been modified or retrofitted:

Not complete at this time. We will continue to work closely with the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) to complete this task.

### MCM6: Good Housekeeping

#### **Catch Basin Cleaning**

Describe the status of the catch basin cleaning optimization plan:

Not completed at of this date.

*If complete, attach the catch basin cleaning optimization plan or the schedule to gather information to develop the optimization plan:*

- The catch basin cleaning optimization plan or schedule is attached to the email submission
- The catch basin cleaning optimization plan or schedule can be found at the following website:

Not completed as of this date.

*Below, report on the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, along with the total volume of material removed from the catch basins during this reporting period.*

Number of catch basins inspected:

Number of catch basins cleaned:

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins:

*Below, report on the total number of catch basins in the MS4 system, if known.*

Total number of catch basins:

*If applicable:*

Report on the actions taken if a catch basin sump is more than 50% full during two consecutive routine inspections/cleaning events:

No actions required.

#### **Street Sweeping**

Describe the status of the written procedures for sweeping streets and municipal-owned lots:

Refer to IDDE Plan document on the Northbridge website - [www.northbridgema.org](http://www.northbridgema.org).

*Report on street sweeping completed during the reporting period using one of the three metrics below.*

Number of miles cleaned: 83

Volume of material removed: unknown [UNITS]

Weight of material removed: unknown [UNITS]

*If applicable:*

For rural uncurbed roadways with no catch basins, describe the progress of the inspection, documentation, and targeted sweeping plan:

Refer to IDDE Plan on the Town of Northbridge website - [www.northbridgemass.org](http://www.northbridgemass.org).

**Winter Road Maintenance**

Describe the status of the written procedures for winter road maintenance including the storage of salt and sand:

Refer to IDDE Plan on the Town of Northbridge website - [www.northbridgemass.org](http://www.northbridgemass.org).

**Inventory of Permittee-Owned Properties**

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 2 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties, including parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment, and include any updates:

Refer to IDDE Plan on the Town of Northbridge website - [www.northbridgemass.org](http://www.northbridgemass.org).

**O&M Procedures for Parks and Open Spaces, Buildings and Facilities, and Vehicles and Equipment**

Describe the status of the operation and maintenance procedures, due in year 2 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties (parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, vehicles and equipment) and include maintenance activities associated with each:

Refer to IDDE Plan on the Town of Northbridge website - [www.northbridgemass.org](http://www.northbridgemass.org).

**Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**

Describe the status of any SWPPP, due in year 2 of the permit term, for permittee-owned or operated facilities including maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater:

None prepared at this time.

Below, report on the number of site inspections for facilities that require a SWPPP completed during this reporting period.

Number of site inspections completed:

Describe any corrective actions taken at a facility with a SWPPP:

None performed at this time.

**O&M Procedures for Stormwater Treatment Structures**

Describe the status of the written procedure for stormwater treatment structure maintenance:

Refer to IDDE Plan on the Town of Northbridge website - [www.northbridgemass.org](http://www.northbridgemass.org).

**Additional Information**

**Monitoring or Study Results**

Results from any other stormwater or receiving water quality monitoring or studies conducted during the reporting period not otherwise mentioned above, where the data is being used to inform permit compliance or permit effectiveness must be attached.

- Not applicable
- The results from additional reports or studies are attached to the email submission
- The results from additional reports or studies can be found at the following website(s):

No Monitoring or Study Results were conducted as of this date.

If such monitoring or studies were conducted on your behalf or if monitoring or studies conducted by other entities were reported to you, a brief description of the type of information gathered or received shall be described below:

No Monitoring or Study Results were conducted as of this date.

**Additional Information**

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to your stormwater management program implementation during the reporting period. Include any BMP modifications made by the MS4 if not already discussed above:

No Additional Information is included.

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### **Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period**

Please confirm that your SWMP has been, or will be, updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 2 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree

- Complete system mapping Phase I
- Begin investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Develop or modify an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism for post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment
- Establish and implement written procedures to require the submission of as-built drawings no later than two years after the completion of construction projects
- Develop, if not already developed, written operations and maintenance procedures
- Develop an inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; review annually and update as necessary
- Establish a written program detailing the activities and procedures the permittee will implement so that the MS4 infrastructure is maintained in a timely manner
- Develop and implement a written SWPPP for maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater
- Enclose or cover storage piles of salt or piles containing salt used for deicing or other purposes
- Develop, if not already developed, written procedures for sweeping streets and municipal-owned lots
- Develop, if not already developed, written procedures for winter road maintenance including storage of salt and sand
- Develop, if not already developed, a schedule for catch basin cleaning
- Develop, if not already developed, a written procedure for stormwater treatment structure maintenance
- Develop a written catchment investigation procedure (*18 months*)

### **Annual Requirements**

- Annual report submitted and available to the public
- Annual opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP
- Keep records relating to the permit available for 5 years and make available to the public
- Properly store and dispose of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they do not discharge to receiving waters
- Annual training to employees involved in IDDE program
- Update inventory of all known locations where SSOs have discharged to the MS4 in the last 5 years
- Continue public education and outreach program
- Update outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking and include data collected in connection with the dry weather screening and other relevant inspections conducted
- Implement IDDE program
- Review site plans of construction sites as part of the construction stormwater runoff control program
- Conduct site inspection of construction sites as necessary
- Inspect and maintain stormwater treatment structures
- Log catch basins cleaned or inspected
- Sweep all uncurbed streets at least annually

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 2 below:

NOTE: Although "Yes" was checked off above under the "Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period" and our SSMP has been updated to comply with all applicable permit requirements including but not limited to the year 2 requirements - it must be noted that although the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) provides substantial public education, technical and training assistance the Town of Northbridge does not have adequate "in-house" technical and field staff to perform many of the required MS4 Permit requirements. Therefore, we will continue to work closely using our limited resources and funds to perform tasks to comply with the permit. We will also continue to seek additional town appropriated funds to use "contract services" to perform necessary tasks.

The e-mail used to submit this MS4 Annual Report includes a copy of the Town of Northbridge IDDE Plan, SWMP Plan, CMRSWC Annual Report (01 April 2018 - 30 June 2019) and educational documents.

## Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2019

### 40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name:  Title:

Signature:  Date:

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]*