

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

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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.

Impairment(s)

- Bacteria/Pathogens Chloride Nitrogen Phosphorus
 Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals

TMDL(s)

- In State:* Assabet River Phosphorus Bacteria and Pathogen Cape Cod Nitrogen
 Charles River Watershed Phosphorus Lake and Pond Phosphorus

- Out of State:* Bacteria/Pathogens Metals Nitrogen Phosphorus

Clear Impairments and TMDLs

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:

<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/stormwater-management; IDDE Plan, Appendix B> 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:

<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/stormwater-management; IDDE Plan, Appendix C> 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

Nitrogen (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 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 Table 3 of Attachment 1 to Appendix H already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents shall be tracked and the permittee shall estimate the
- nitrogen 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 nitrogen removed in mass per year by the BMP in each annual report

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
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- 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

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

Lake and Pond Phosphorus TMDL

- Begin Phase 1 Lake Phosphorus Control Plan (LPCP)

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:

Public Education and Outreach - The Town developed a comprehensive public education program during Year 1. In part, this program consisted of assembling numerous outreach flyers with specific messages and topics for each of the required four audiences and tailored specifically to the Town. During Year 2, this program will be expanded to include a detailed schedule for material distribution, including seasonal messages for nitrogen and phosphorus TMDL and impaired waters requirements. Seasonal message outreach will start during fall 2019.

Construction/Erosion and Sediment Control Bylaw - Requirements are partially met in the existing Town regulations which in part require erosion and sediment controls and site plan review, however, these do not provide a comprehensive program that applies to all sites that disturb one acre or more. The Town has been actively revising its existing regulations in August and September 2019. and currently anticipates revising its bylaws and regulations, along with the post-construction bylaw updates required during Year 2, in fall 2019.

Procedures for Site Inspections and Sediment and Erosion Control Enforcement - In conjunction with the regulatory and bylaw updates outlined above, the Town will incorporate comprehensive requirements for site inspections and construction site enforcement actions. This is also anticipated to occur in fall 2019.

Catch Basin Tracking - The Town has not yet begun to track catch basin cleanings or inspections, however has developed a comprehensive Catch Basin Cleaning Optimization Plan that in part includes procedures and forms for tracking maintenance activities. Tracking will begin during Year 2.

Stormwater BMP Inspections - The Town is currently developing an inventory of its town-owned Stormwater BMPs. Inspections are expected to begin during Year 2.

IDDE Training - An employee IDDE Training program will be developed during Year 2, with annual training to be performed starting in Year 2.

Nitrogen/Phosphorus Structural BMP Tracking - The Town will begin evaluation of its permittee-owned stormwater BMPs during future years in conjunction with preparing the nutrient source identification reports. It is expected this task will not start until at least Year 3.

Increased Sweeping for High Pollutant Loads - This was determined not to be necessary for the Town as these areas are not observed to accumulate more sediment and debris than other areas within the Town.

LPCP Phase 1 - The Town will begin preparation of its LPCP during Year 2, beginning with a legal analysis in accordance with permit schedule requirements.

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:

Part III of the NOI should be amended as follows:

Actions for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Requirements:

- Add Millers Basin Lakes (phosphorus); Adhere to requirements in part A.II of Appendix F.

Actions for Meeting Requirements Related to Water Quality Limited Waters:

- Add MA81098 Partridge Pond (turbidity); Adhere to requirements in part V of Appendix H.

The above changes have been reflected in the Town's SWMP Plan.

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: Stormwater Website

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Develop a town stormwater website with a links to external sites such as EPA and MassDEP, as well as provide numerous stormwater brochures for download and audience-specific messages.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Continue to update and maintain the website.

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:

BMP: Social Media Outreach

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Post messages related to stormwater on the Town's Facebook page.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Post stormwater-related information on the Town's Facebook page.

Message Date(s): June 21, 2019 during FY 2019

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:

While the NOI was limited to following the statewide ThinkBlue campaign, the Town has since expanded the program to also include posting information pertaining to a local audience.

Add an Educational Message

MCM2: Public Participation

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

SWMP Plan for Download - The Town has posted the SWMP Plan on Town website along with contact information to allow for public comment.

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:

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day - In partnership with two nearby communities, residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at four events throughout the year, with two held every November and two held every June at both the Fitchburg/Westminster Landfill and Gardner Landfill..

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: 0

Number of SSOs removed: 0

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:

The Town has completed multiple Phase I mapping requirements under the 2016 Permit. Outfalls and receiving waters within the Town's urbanized area, along with catchment delineations, have been located and included in the Town's GIS database. Impaired waters have also been mapped. The Town will work toward identifying its stormwater treatment structures, interconnections with other towns, and open channel conveyances in Permit Year 2.

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:

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:

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:

N/A, not yet started

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:

N/A, none found to date

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: [UNITS]

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:

N/A, none found to date

Employee Training

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

An employee IDDE Training program will be developed during Year 2, with annual training to be performed starting in Year 2.

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: 30

Number of inspections completed: 42

Number of enforcement actions taken: 0

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:

The current Town bylaws and regulations are partially in compliance with the Year 2 requirements, however do not meet all requirements pertaining to new development and redevelopment. The Town is currently in the process of finalizing a revised bylaw and accompanying regulations to meet all Year 2 requirements. It is anticipated that revisions will be put up for vote at the fall 2019 town meeting.

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:

As part of the regulatory updates to be performed during Year 2, procedures for submittal of as-built drawings and long term operation and maintenance will be developed.

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:

N/A, to be completed during future permit years.

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:

N/A, to be completed during future permit years.

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:

The Town is currently developing an inventory of its permittee-owned properties. Once completed, facilities will be evaluated for potential BMP retrofit opportunities during future permit years.

MCM6: Good Housekeeping**Catch Basin Cleaning**

Describe the status of the catch basin cleaning optimization plan:

The Town developed a Catch Basin Cleaning Optimization Plan during Permit Year 1 as a component of its SW

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:

<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/stormwater-management; SWMP Plan, Appendix G>

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:

Not yet applicable, pending collection of a second round of catch basin inspections.

Street Sweeping

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

The Town developed a Street Sweeping Optimization Plan during Permit Year 1 as a component of its SWMP Plan. This consists of a map displaying sweeping requirements throughout the Town and a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for completing the sweeping.

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

- Number of miles cleaned:
- Volume of material removed: [UNITS]
- Weight of material removed:

If applicable:

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

DPW personnel observe all regulated town-owned roadways for maintenance needs, including street sweeping, during routine operations. Personnel also observe known trouble areas, such as projects with large-scale construction projects or projects with substantial land disturbance, for evidence of runoff-laden sediment onto roadways that may require more frequent sweeping in addition to that outlined under the Street Sweeping Optimization Plan. In addition, town residents periodically call the DPW to report localized areas needing sweeping that DPW personnel then visit to inspect. Should areas in need of additional sweeping be observed, the Town documents these areas as part of its Street Sweeping Optimization Plan and schedules areas for sweeping during the next upcoming round. With the exception of some rural areas of Tow, the Town does not apply sand to roadways during winter operations, and thus observed sweeping needs are typically minimal. Inspections of rural uncurbed roadways conducted to date have not yet observed any needs for additional sweeping within regulated urbanized area roadways.

Winter Road Maintenance

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

The Town developed SOPs for winter road maintenance during Permit Year 1. These SOPs will be included as part of a larger comprehensive Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan during Year 2 that covers other facilities and stormwater infrastructure.

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:

The Town is currently developing an inventory of its permittee-owned properties, to be completed by the end of Year 2.

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:

The Town is currently developing O&M Procedures for its Parks and Open Spaces, Buildings and Facilities, and Vehicles and Equipment, to be completed by the end of Year 2.

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:

The Town is currently working towards completing SWPPPs for applicable facilities. The Town completed a preliminary review of its facilities during Year 1 and determined that facilities potentially covered under the 2016 Permit are located outside of the urbanized area. During Year 2, the Town will complete a more comprehensive facility assessment and complete SWPPPs for applicable facilities by the end of Year 2, if required.

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:

N/A, not yet started.

O&M Procedures for Stormwater Treatment Structures

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

The Town is currently developing an inventory of its town-owned Stormwater BMPs. Once complete, the Town will inspect all regulated stormwater BMPs annually and perform maintenance as needed.

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):

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:

N/A, not yet started.

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:

Activities performed during Year 1 include submittal of a Notice of Intent, development of a comprehensive Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Plan which in part also included development of a Catch Basin Cleaning Optimization Plan and Street Sweeping Optimization Plan, development of a comprehensive Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan which in part included creation of procedures for identifying and removing illicit discharges along with classifying, prioritizing, and delineating catchment areas. Other activities completed included development of winter operation and maintenance procedures and completing an assessment of existing stormwater-related regulatory mechanisms.

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:

As dry weather inspections are required for all regulated outfalls by the end of Year 3, the Town anticipates beginning these inspections during Year 2 to get a head start on sampling requirements. This will allow the Town more time to complete the inspections by the Year 3 deadline.

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:

Karen Murphy

Title:

Town Administrator

Signature:



Date:

09/16/19

[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]