

Year 2 Annual Report
Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit
Reporting Period: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

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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. Please ONLY report on activities between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Town of Braintree

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041029

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address): <https://braintreema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6023/Stormwater-Management-Program?bidId=>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: July 2, 2020

If the SWMP is not available on the web please provide the physical address:

Part II: Self-Assessment

First, in the box below, select the impairment(s) and/or TMDL(s) that are applicable to your MS4. Make sure you are referring to the most recent EPA approved Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List which can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-impaired-waters-and-303d-lists-state>

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 2 Requirements

- ☒ Completed Phase I of system mapping
☒ Developed a written catchment investigation procedure and added the procedure to the SWMP
☒ Developed written procedures to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure the long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites and added these procedures to the SWMP
☒ Enclosed or covered storage piles of salt or piles containing salt used for deicing or other purposes
☒ Developed written operations and maintenance procedures for parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment and added these procedures to the SWMP
☒ Developed an inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment and added this inventory to the SWMP
☒ Completed a written program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
☒ Developed written SWPPPs, included in the SWMP, for all of the following permittee owned or operated facilities: maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide any additional information, and/or if any of the above year 2 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Annual Requirements

- ☒ Provided an opportunity for public participation in review and implementation of SWMP and complied with State Public Notice requirements
- ☒ Kept records relating to the permit available for 5 years and made available to the public
- ☒ The SSO inventory has been updated, including the status of mitigation and corrective measures implemented
 - ☐ This is not applicable because we do not have sanitary sewer
 - ☐ This is not applicable because we did not find any new SSOs
 - ☐ The updated SSO inventory is attached to the email submission
 - ☒ The updated SSO inventory can be found at the following website:

<https://braintreema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5925/SSO-reporting-final-2013-2020?bidId=>
- ☒ Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters
- ☒ Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- ☒ All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period
- ☐ Updated outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking as needed

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide any additional information, and/or if any of the above annual requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Interconnection inventory has been added to the website, but priority ranking is still in progress due to impacts of COVID-19 on municipal staffing.

Bacteria/ Pathogens (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)Annual Requirements*Public Education and Outreach**

- ☒ Annual message was distributed encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate
- ☒ Permittee or its agents disseminated educational material to dog owners at the time of issuance or renewal of dog license, or other appropriate time
- ☐ Provided information to owners of septic systems about proper maintenance in any catchment that discharges to a water body impaired for bacteria

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

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Braintree has very few properties that include septic systems and it has been difficult to identify those parcels

given our staffing limitations during COVID-19.

Optional: Use the box below to provide any additional information you would like to share as part of your self-assessment:

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 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 this reporting period: 4

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

BMP: Property Owners message - Braintree Stormwater Utility Fact Sheet

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Brochure describing the creation of the Braintree Stormwater Enterprise Fund and alerting property owners that the stormwater management fees are being increased.

Targeted Audience: All Braintree property owners

Responsible Department/Parties: Stormwater Division

Measurable Goal(s):

3630 brochures were included in Water and Sewer bills sent to the first quarterly billing group during the reporting period. The stormwater fees are included in these bills.

Message Date(s): June 2020

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: Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Industrial Facilities

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Brochure including recommendations for employee training, spill prevention, elimination of illicit discharges and erosion and sediment control for industrial facilities.

Targeted Audience: Owners of local industries and EPA permitted sites

Responsible Department/Parties: Stormwater Division

Measurable Goal(s):

Number of brochures mailed - 179

Message Date(s): 2/26/20

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:Stormwater 101 Presentation

Message Description and Distribution Method:

In-person presentation of information regarding stormwater basics to school groups.

Targeted Audience: Middle School and High School students and faculty

Responsible Department/Parties: Stormwater Division

Measurable Goal(s):

Archbishop Williams High School - 22 students and 2 staff

Braintree Middle School - 11 faculty members

Message Date(s): March 11, 2020 (for both)

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:Resident Message - Stormwater pollution is trash, oil, cigarette butts and dog waste

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Think Blue Massachusetts "Fowl Water" video (<https://www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org/>) Advertisement on FaceBook and YouTube

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Massachusetts Statewide Municipal Stormwater Coalition

Measurable Goal(s):

95,940 social media impressions from residents of Braintree. Over 7 million impressions across Massachusetts.

Message Date(s): June 2020

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:

The Fore River Stormwater Partnership, of which Braintree is a member, did not exist when our NOI was written.

BMP: [Message name here]

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

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:

Add an Educational Message

MCM2: Public Participation

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

Public meeting on May 7, 2020 with Ways and Means Sub-Committee of Town Council to present materials regarding the Braintree Stormwater Management Plan and the Braintree Stormwater Enterprise Fund.

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

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

Public Review of SWMP - available on Stormwater Division webpage
Public Review of MS4 Annual Reports - available on Stormwater Division webpage
Public Participation - Community Table, Braintree Farmer's Market - Aug. 10, 2019, Feb. 1, 2020
Public Participation - Household Hazardous Waste collection - Sept. 14, 2019
Public Participation - Catch Basin Stenciling by Boy Scout Troop 138 (Sept. & Oct. 2019)
Public Participation - Coastal Sweep Cleanup of Smiths Beach (October 5, 2019)
Public Participation - Rain Barrel program (barrel delivery June 24, 2020)

MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Check off the box below if the statement is true.

☐ This SSO section is NOT applicable because we DO NOT have sanitary sewer

*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:

MS4 System Mapping

Below, check all that apply.

The following elements of the Phase I map have been completed:

- ☒ Outfalls and receiving waters
- ☐ Open channel conveyances
- ☒ Interconnections
- ☒ Municipally-owned stormwater treatment structures
- ☒ Waterbodies identified by name and indication of all use impairments
- ☒ Initial catchment delineations

Optional: Describe any additional progress you made on your map during this reporting period or provide additional status information regarding your map:

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:

[www.braintreema.gov/DocumentCenter/View.4643/
braintree_idde_memo_final_with_appendices?bidId=](http://www.braintreema.gov/DocumentCenter/View.4643/braintree_idde_memo_final_with_appendices?bidId=)

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

Number of 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:

<https://braintreema.gov/852/Municipal-Separate-Storm-Sewer-System-MS>

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:

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: gallons/day

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 (July 1, 2018).

Total number of illicit discharges identified: 1

Total number of illicit discharges removed: 0

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

Additional IDDE investigations were conducted during Permit Year 2. CCTV camera work was conducted in the drainage pipe run upstream of the outfall that tested positive for bacteria and showed an illicit discharge into the line. Follow-up dye testing is planned for this line during Permit Year 3.

Employee Training

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

An employee of the Stormwater Division accompanied the consultant performing the IDDE follow-up work. Additional training was planned for Permit Year 2, but was not possible because of the furloughing of the majority of DPW employees due to COVID-19.

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: 24

Number of inspections completed: 27

Number of enforcement actions taken: 2

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:

The Stormwater Division works closely with staff for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission on inspection of construction sites and enforcement issues related to erosion and sediment control and stormwater management.

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

Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism

Below, select the option that describes your ordinance or regulatory mechanism progress.

- ☒ Bylaw, ordinance, or regulations are updated and adopted consistent with permit requirements
- ☐ Bylaw, ordinance, or regulations are updated consistent with permit requirements but are not yet adopted
- ☐ Bylaw, ordinance, or regulations have not been updated or adopted

As-built Drawings

Describe 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:

The Braintree Stormwater Management regulations (approved June 2019) include a requirement for the submission of as-built drawings and in the case of non-residential projects, the preparation of an annual maintenance report to be sent to the Stormwater Division by Jan. 31 of each post-construction year.

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:

Work on this assessment has not yet begun.

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:

Work on the status of GI in Braintree has not yet begun.

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 inventory of town-owned properties has been prepared. The Stormwater Division staff is in the process of identifying those parcels that are most suitable for BMP retrofits.

MCM6: Good Housekeeping

Catch Basin Cleaning

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: 60

Number of catch basins cleaned: 60

Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins: 324 cubic yards

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

Total number of catch basins: 3,384

If applicable:

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

Street Sweeping

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

☒ Number of miles cleaned: 1,500

☐ Volume of material removed: [Select Units]

☐ Weight of material removed: [Select Units]

O&M Procedures and Inventory of Permittee-Owned Properties

Below, check all that apply.

The following permittee-owned properties have been inventoried:

- ☒ Parks and open spaces
- ☒ Buildings and facilities
- ☒ Vehicles and equipment

The following O&M procedures for permittee-owned properties have been completed:

- ☒ Parks and open spaces
- ☒ Buildings and facilities
- ☒ Vehicles and equipment

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

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

Number of site inspections completed: 2

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

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:

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:

COVID-19 Impacts

Optional: If any of the above year 2 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Capital funding for catch basin cleaning by an outside contractor was approved during the reporting period, but the work did not commence until after June 30, 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19 on town staffing. The work commenced on Aug. 17 and will be included in the Annual Report for Permit Year 3.

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 3 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree ☒

- Inspect all outfalls/ interconnections (excluding Problem and Excluded outfalls) for the presence of dry weather flow
- Complete follow-up ranking as dry weather screening becomes available

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
- 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
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Review inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment; update if necessary

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 3 below:

An increase in stormwater fees in FY21 provided funding for additional field staff, who will initially be concentrating on catch basin cleaning and inspections in order to identify locations where more frequent cleaning is needed, as well as editing the existing MS4 mapping based on field inspections.

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2020

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:

James Arsenault

Title:

Director, Dept. of Public Works

Signature:

Date:

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