

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: City of Chelsea

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041077

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address): <https://www.chelseama.gov/public-works/pages/dpw-public-notice-news>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: September 28, 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:

As-Built – There is no existing, adopted language for bylaws which require as built. There is however, a requirement that all owners submit an O&M plan for long term care of stormwater BMP's prior to project completion. The City has finalized amendment language to the City's ordinance on storm drains (and storm

water management). The changes in their entirety have been recommended by The City Manager and the City Solicitor. The Council Order has been drafted and the new sections will be added pending an October 5th vote of the council.

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:
- ☐ 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:

IDDE training is scheduled for Friday, September 25th at 9 am. It was not completed within the reporting period due to COVID 19.

Catch basin cleanings and street sweeping material that had been stored at the city yard has been tested and is currently being removed. Once this task is complete we will implement our new policies that will better comply with the regulations.

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:

The City of Chelsea has added an interactive map on the city web page showing the location of the 35 dog waste stations and cigarette butlers:

<https://www.chelseama.gov/public-works/bulletins/dog-waste-station-and-cigarette-butt-map>

Signage is in place at all stations. The busiest dog waste stations have been identified and are emptied every week.

The City has information on the web page which contains an ordinance regarding fines associated with not curbing dogs and not properly disposing of pet waste. A flyer containing the rules for dogs and how to contact Animal Control is on the web page and posted in various coffee houses. Plans to distribute this flyer at schools and libraries are on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Septic systems are not permitted in Chelsea.

Chloride

Annual Requirements

Public Education and Outreach

Included an annual message in November/ December to private road salt applicators and commercial

- ☐ industrial site owners on the proper storage and application rates of winter deicing material, along with the steps that can be taken to minimize salt use and protect local waterbodies

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:

Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or Metals

Annual Requirements

Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations

- ☐ Increased street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots to a schedule that targets areas with potential for high pollutant loads

Prioritized inspection and maintenance for catch basins to ensure that no sump shall be more than 50

- ☐ percent full; Cleaned catch basins more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicated excessive sediment or debris loadings

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:

Chelsea's street sweeping frequency is high. Streets are swept 2x's per side per month. Broadway and Hawthorne St. along with others are swept each weekend. Street sweeping runs from March 1st through December 31st. It would not be practicable to increase this.

The City has drafted a catch basin cleaning optimization plan that has not yet been finalized.

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

The busiest dog waste stations have been identified and are emptied every week.

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:

Chelsea's total number of outfalls is 24.

As noted in the annual report for Year 1, the total number of outfalls has changed from 27 to 24. One outfall at the Chelsea River was determined not to be owned by Chelsea. One at Island End was determined to not be an outfall. One outfall at Mill Creak was determined to not be owned by Chelsea.

Additionally, the City has no known interconnections. Inter-municipal connections originating in Everett and entering Chelsea's MS4 were previously classified as "interconnections" in annual Storm water Monitoring Reports and Chelsea's NOI, despite not meeting the MS4 permit's definition of interconnection.

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:** 6

*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: Social Media

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Stormwater Management Services information including links to information from MWRA such as "A Healthy Environment Starts At Home", links to DEP "All About Stormwater", SSO and CSO information, NPDES Annual Report information, and a link to EPA "Does your Construction Site Need a Stormwater Permit?" are posted on the City web page.

Targeted Audience: All Chelsea residents and contractors

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW Operations

Measurable Goal(s):

The goal is to centralize all storm water information in a single web page making the information easier to find. The goal can be tracked by the number and frequency of calls asking for the information declining.

Message Date(s): FY2020

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: Meeting and Web

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Continued partnership program with Chelsea GreenRoots Inc. and Mystic River Watershed Association.

Targeted Audience: residence

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW Operations

Measurable Goal(s):

DPW and partners will conduct public forums on a yearly basis and track the number of attendees.

Message Date(s): FY2020

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:**

The Stormwater Management Plan will be available to view via the city's web page by the first week in October. The Annual Report will be posted once it is submitted.

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:**

On June 20, 2020 from 10 am to 2pm the city held it's Annual Household Hazardous Waste Event at the Parking lot at the Mary C. Burke Complex at 300 Crescent Ave.

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:

There are no interconnections in Chelsea. We have 5 inter-municipal connections that originate in Everett and flow through Chelsea. There are no open channels or municipally owned structures in Chelsea.

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:

dry and wet weather screening will be attached

*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:

*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:

The City of Chelsea has been performing catchment investigations, as needed, according to wet and dry weather sampling results since 2006. Since then, the City has initiated an investigation in every catchment with the presence of likely sewer input indicators. The catchments which have not had sewer indicators present continue to be sampled on an annual basis. The catchment investigation data therefore is based on sampling results rather than system vulnerability factors.

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:

Total number of illicit discharges removed:

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

Of the six illicit discharges identified but not yet removed to date, three are being pursued with the private owner, and three have had investigation work performed but are awaiting follow up monitoring data analysis.

Employee Training

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

Due to Covid-19 scheduled training has been postponed. On September 25th all WSD staff will attend training via Zoom meeting held at city hall.

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: 6

Number of inspections completed: 0

Number of enforcement actions taken: 0

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

Construction site inspections are required in the City's bylaws as currently written and adopted. These are specifically outlined in Chapter 30, Article 5, Section 30-224 which states that "by March 31 of each year, the owner [of systems to treat or otherwise manage SW] shall submit to the DPW a written record of the date and type of all maintenance, cleaning, and inspection performed in the prior calendar year."

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:

Although current by laws do not require as-builts to be submitted, O&M plans are required.

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:

The City will begin work on the street design and parking lots assessment in FY2022, as outlined in the NOI. The report will be complete within the 4 years of the permit effective date.

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:

The City will begin work on the green infrastructure report in FY2022, as outlined in the NOI. The report will be complete within 4 years of the permit effective date.

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 City will begin work on retrofit properties inventory in FY2022, as outlined in the NOI. The City will identify a minimum of 5 permittee-owned properties that could be modified with BMPs within 4 years of the permit effective date.

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:

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.

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:

The City has drafted a catch basin cleaning optimization plan that has not yet been finalized. When a catch basin is more than 50% full WSD personnel will document the findings, investigate the

contributing drainage area for sources of excessive sediment loading, and, if possible, address the contributing sources. If no contributing sources are found, increase the inspection and cleaning frequencies of the sump.

Street Sweeping

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

- ☐ Number of miles cleaned:
- ☒ Volume of material removed: cubic yards
- ☐ 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:

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

Street sweeping material had typically been stored without cover or protection at the city yard. This material has been tested and is in the process of being disposed of. New procedures are being developed that implement proper, temporary material storage at the City Yard.

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:

Training and completion of the SWPPP was delayed due to Covid-19.
The total number of catch basin cleaning was less than planned due to Covid-19.

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:

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:

Tom Amprosino

Title:

City Manager

Signature:

Thomas A. Amprosino

Date:

9/25/20

[Signatory may be a duly authorized
representative]