# **Year 3 Annual Report**

## Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit Reporting Period: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

\*\*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. Please ONLY report on activities between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 unless otherwise requested.

### **Part I: Contact Information**

Name	of Municipality or Organi	zation: Town of Merri	mac			
EPA N	PDES Permit Number: M	AR041209				
Primaı	ry MS4 Program Manag	er Contact Informat	on			
Name:	Robert Sinibaldi		Title:	Director of Publ	lic Works	
Street	Street Address Line 1: 4 School Street					
Street	Address Line 2: NA					
City:	Merrimac	State: MA	Zip Co	ode: 01860		
Email:	dpwdir@townofmerrimac	e.com	Phor	ne Number: (978)	346-0612	
Storm	water Management Prog	ram (SWMP) Inform	nation			
SWMF	Cocation (web address):	http://www.merrimac	01860.iı	nfo/199/Stormwa	iter	
Date S	WMP was Last Updated:	September 2021				
If the S	SWMP is not available on	the web please provid	e the ph	ysical 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

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Impairment(	$(\mathbf{s})$
	⊠ Bacteria/Pathogens
	⊠ 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
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☐ Inspect	eted and screened all outfalls/interconnections (excluding Problem and Excluded outfalls)
_	ed outfall/interconnection priority ranking based on the information collected during the dry er inspections as necessary
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any additional impacts of Coattempt to con	you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide al information, and/or if any of the above year 3 requirements could not be completed due to the OVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to emplete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:
COVID-19. the onset of the potential exponential exponencessary to allocated add	the following requirements were not be completed due to resource limitations caused by The Town intended to screen all outfalls and interconnections during 2020 and 2021, however the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in many Town staff members working remotely to deter sosure. In addition, the potential to interface with multiple Town departments that would be develop and implement these procedures was significantly impacted by COVID. The Town litional funds for FY2022 to contract with a consultant to perform the inspections. That effort is extension to complete this effort is requested.
	ping of outfalls, catch basins, drain manholes, initial catchment delineations and receiving waters are and the Town plans to work with its consultant to complete Phase I mapping during Year 4.

Update the Outfall/Interconnection Priority Ranking: Because the outfall inspection and screening effort is ongoing as noted above, this was not completed. It will be completed as soon as the inspections are completed.

Page 3 Town of Merrimac An extension to complete this effort is requested. The Town is currently working with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to maintain Post-Construction bylaw and ordinance compliance with all Permit requirements. **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 O This is not applicable because we do not have sanitary sewer • This is not applicable because we did not find any new SSOs O The updated SSO inventory is attached to the email submission ○ The updated SSO inventory can be found at the following website: There were no SSO's this year. 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 system map due in year 2 as necessary Enclosed all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt Implemented SWPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities ⊠ Updated inventory of all permittee owned facilities as necessary O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities have been completed and updated as necessary Implemented all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs ☐ Implemented program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants ☐ Inspected all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins) 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: The current version of the SWMP is always available on the Town's website. The SWMP is annually placed on a Board of Selectmen meeting agenda for discussion. O&M programs: The Town has identified its owned facilities within the MS4 area that require written O&M plans and drafted these plans but these plans have not yet been implemented due to workload and COVID-19

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

<ul> <li>♥ Yes</li> <li>○ No</li> <li>If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:</li> <li>The Town's outfall inventory has been updated based on the current MS4 boundary which eliminated approximately 15 outfalls from the MS4. An updated outfall will be inserted to the Town's IDDE and uploaded to the Town's website.</li> </ul>	Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?	
If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:  The Town's outfall inventory has been updated based on the current MS4 boundary which eliminated approximately 15 outfalls from the MS4. An updated outfall will be inserted to the Town's IDDE and	• Yes	
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#### **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 <b>during this reporting period</b> : 29
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:Video-What Not to Flush
Message Description and Distribution Method:
An instructional video that broadly describes the different water systems at work within our watersheds and the importance of protecting all of them. After going into more detail about the wastewater system, it takes viewers through an experiment that illustrates the importance of keeping wipes out of the wastewater stream. Created by the Greenscapes Coalition in place of the Keeping Water Clean in-person program. The video was posted on Vimeo and Salem Sound Coastwatch Facebook, is available on the Greenscapes website and was shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter.
Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition, partner organizations and municipal staff.
Measurable Goal(s):
200 views on Vimeo, 1343 people reached on Facebook
Message Date(s): Posted by Greenscapes on April 21, 2020. Shared to municipal staff August 25th, 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 Keeping Water Clean program is normally conducted in person.

#### BMP:Video - The World Beneath Our Feet

Message Description and Distribution Method:

An instructional video that takes the audience through an experiment that explores how plants (grass seed) grows with different types of fertilizer; chemical fertilizer versus all natural. Created by the Greenscapes Coalition as a supplement to other Keeping Water Clean related videos. This video was posted on Vimeo Greenscapes and Salem Sound Coastwatch Facebook, it is available on the Greenscapes website and was shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter.

Targeted Audience:	Residents

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Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and Municipal Staff	
Measurable Goal(s):	
76 views on Vimeo, 200 people reached on Facebook	
Message Date(s): Posted by Greenscapes on May 26, 2020. Shared to municipal staff August 25th, 2020	0.
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 Keeping Water Clean program is normally conducted in person	
BMP:Social Media - Septic Smart Post  Message Description and Distribution Method:  Distribution of EPA's "Do Your Part, Be Septic Smart" Infographic that includes tips for homeowners a proper septic maintenance. Graphic was posted on Greenscapes Facebook, is available on the Greenscap website and was shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter.	
Targeted Audience: Residents	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and Municipal Staff	
Measurable Goal(s):	
11 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook	
Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes Facebook on August 26th, 2020 and shared with municipal states August 25, 2020	aff on
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 - Good Septic Owner Posts	
Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of EPA's "10 Ways to be a Good Septic Owner" lists in both english and spanish. The list includes 10 tips for sustainable septic maintenance. The graphics were posted on Greenscapes Facebool available on the Greenscapes website and were shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newslett	
Targeted Audience: Residents	

Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
14 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook.
Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes social media September 16, 2020. Sent to municipal staff on Sept. 17, 2020 and again on March 3, 2021.
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 - Protect It & Inspect It Post  Message Description and Distribution Method:  Distribution of EPA's "Protect It and Inspect It" post, which describes the importance of regularly inspecting
and emptying your septic tank. Graphic was posted on Greenscapes Facebook and is available on the Greenscapes website.
Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
12 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook.
Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes Facebook Sept 16, 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:

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#### **BMP:Social Media - Fall Calendar Post**

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Message Description and Distribution Method:

Distribution of a Fall Greenscaping Calendar/Checklist that includes several tips and tricks for sustainable landscaping and yard maintenance. It includes the suggestion of composting yard waste, planting native trees, watering less, using fescue grass mix - all of which would reduce the need/use of chemical fertilizers. the graphic was posted on Greenscapes social media, is available on the Greenscapes website and was shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter.

Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
359 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook, 10 people reached on Greenscapes Instagram
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff October 1, 2020. Posted on Greenscapes SM September 1, 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:Article/Social Media - Leave the Leaves
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of an article from the Ecological Landscape Alliance, detailing the benefits of leaving "leaf litter" in your yard, as opposed to collecting and removing it. The article discusses the resultant biodiversity, nurtrient, water retention and chemical reduction benefits of "Leaving the Leaves". Article was posted on
Greenscapes Facebook.
Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition
Measurable Goal(s):
133 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook.
Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes Facebook October 16, 2020
Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☐ Appendix H Requirements ☐
Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No •
If yes, describe why the change was made:

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#### **BMP:Brochure - Industrial Stormwater Management**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

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Distribution of a one page "brochure" designed for industrial audiences that details BMPs for industrial sites, and the importance of keeping waste like salts, heavy metals, oils and other hazardous materials out of our surface waters. the brochure is available on the Greenscapes website and was sent to municipal staff in the

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Greenscapes newsletter. The newsletter also included distribution tips such as: posting the brochure to town websites, mailing it to industrially zoned parcels, etc.
Targeted Audience: Industrial facilities
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff.
Measurable Goal(s):
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff October 1, 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:  Industrial brochure was supposed to be delivered in Year 2 of the permit.
industrial brochure was supposed to be derivered in Tear 2 of the permit.
BMP:Social Media - Yard Waste Post Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of a graphic created by Greenscapes, that encourages homeowners to compost yard waste (either at home or with curbside pickup), and indicates that yard waste does NOT belong in wetlands or in the trash. Graphic is available on the Greenscapes website, was posted on Greenscapes social media and was sent to municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter.
Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
7 people reached on Greenscapes Instagram, 8 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook.
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff October 1, 2020, Posted on Greenscapes social media November 18, 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:

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Distribution of a graphic created by Greenscapes that stresses the importance of keeping storm draind clear of lawn waste and other debris. The graphic is available on the Greenscapes website, was posted on Greenscapes social media and shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter. Targeted Audience: Residents Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff. Measurable Goal(s): 12 people reached on Greenscapes Instagram, 11 people reached on GNSC Facebook. Posted on Greenscapes SM on November 24, 2020. Sent to municipal staff December 1, Message Date(s): Appendix F Requirements Appendix H Requirements Message Completed for: Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No • If yes, describe why the change was made: **BMP:Social Media - PPE Post** Message Description and Distribution Method: Distribution of Greenscapes PPE litter awareness post. "Don't want to see dirty masks in your news feed? We don't want to see them on the ground! Masks belong on your face or in the trash." Targeted Audience: Residents + Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff Measurable Goal(s): 327 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook, 17 people reached on Greenscapes Instagram. Sent to municipal staff on December 1, 2020. Posted on Greenscapes SM November 30, Message Date(s): Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements Appendix H Requirements Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No • If yes, describe why the change was made:

Message Description and Distribution Method: Distribution of a photo taken by Greenscapes of a decorative halloween witch holding a mask and other litter, along with a sign that reads "Trick or Treat. Please keep litter off the street!". Graphic was posted on Greenscapes social media. Targeted Audience: Residents Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition Measurable Goal(s): 14 people reached on Greenscapes Instagram Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes SM on November 18, 2020 Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements Appendix H Requirements Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No • If yes, describe why the change was made: **BMP:Social Media - Unflushable Post** Message Description and Distribution Method: Distribution of Greenscapes infographic that lists many of the commonly flushed "unflushables", such as wipes, dental floss, q-tips, tampons, contact lenses, oils and grease. Graphics were were posted on Greenscapes social media. Targeted Audience: Residents + Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition Measurable Goal(s): 16 people reached on GNSC Instagram, 8 people reached on GNSC Facebook Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes SM November 18, 2020 Appendix F Requirements Appendix H Requirements Message Completed for: Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes \cap No \cdot \infty If yes, describe why the change was made:

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Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of Andover DPW's social media post about keeping storm drains clear of snow and ice. Repon Greenscapes social media.	osted
Targeted Audience: Residents +	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition	
Measurable Goal(s):	
20 people reached on GNSC Instagram	
Message Date(s): Posted by Greenscapes Dec. 24, 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: Video - What Not to Flush Activity (version 2)	
Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of an abridged version of the original "What Not to Flush" Greenscapes activity video. This experiment video illustrates why wipes and oils and greases cannot be flushed down our sinks or toilets. was posted on youtube and vimeo and sent to municipal staff in Greenscapes newsletter.	
Targeted Audience: Residents	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff	
Measurable Goal(s):	
14 views on Youtube, 15 views on Vimeo (this does not include any views of the video embedded in the classroom materials).	2
Message Date(s): Posted on youtube November 23, 2020. Sent to municipal staff December 1, 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 Keeping Water Clean school program is normally conducted in-person	

Message Description and Distribution Method: Distribution of a video created by Greenscapes that takes viewers through an activity normally conducted as part of the Keeping Water Clean program. The activity has viewers/students delineate their own watershed and see where the water goes, how it collects and also considers all of the things that water could run into along the way. Video was posted on youtube and vimeo and sent to municipal staff in Greenscapes newsletter. Targeted Audience: Residents Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff Measurable Goal(s): 13 views on Youtube, 18 views on Vimeo (this does not include any views of the video embedded in the classroom materials). Message Date(s): Posted on youtube November 23, 2020. Sent to municipal staff December 1, 2020. Appendix H Requirements Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes • No O If yes, describe why the change was made: The Keeping Water Clean program is normally conducted in person. **BMP:Video - Groundwater Exploration Activity** Message Description and Distribution Method: Distribution of Greenscapes activity video that walks viewers through an activity normally conducted as part of the Keeping Water Clean school program. The activity uses an Envision groundwater model that illustrates all of the "water beneath our feet". It helps students visualize how water (and water pollution) are always moving underground, never staying in one final place. It helps students consider how behaviors on land can affect the water underground and eventually even the water we use to drink or swim in. Video was posted on youtube and vimeo and sent to municipal staff in Greenscapes newsletter. Targeted Audience: Residents Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff Measurable Goal(s): 106 views on Youtube, 8 views on Vimeo (this does not include any views of the video embedded in the classroom materials). Message Date(s): Appendix F Requirements Appendix H Requirements Message Completed for: Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes • No O If yes, describe why the change was made:

The Keeping Water Clean program is normally conducted in person.

BMP:Social Media - Pet Waste
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of Greenscapes "Scoop the Poop" messaging. Hard copy rack cards were reprinted and PDFs of all documents are available on Greenscapes website and were sent to municipal staff in Greenscapes Newsletter.
Targeted Audience: Residents+
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
500+ reprinted for each community
Message Date(s): PDFs sent to municipal staff February 3rd, 2021 and again on April 29, 2021. Rack cards were printed in February 2021 and municipal staff was notified April 29, 2021.
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 - Salt Alternate Post
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of Greenscapes graphic that makes various suggestions of natural alternatives to harsh road salt. Graphics are available on Greenscapes website and social media, and were sent to municipal staff in Greenscapes newsletter.
Targeted Audience: Residents +
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
Message Date(s): Sent in newsletter on February 3rd, 2021
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 - Shovel More Salt Less Post
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of a graphic created by the Mystic River Watershed Council that encourages homeowners to "Salt More, Shovel Less" to reduce the amount of salt that ends up in stormwater and in our waterways. Graphic was posted on Greenscapes social media.
Targeted Audience: Residents +
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition
Measurable Goal(s):
15 people reached on GNSC Facebook, 14 people reached on GNSC Instagram
Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes social media Jan 8, 2021.
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:Video/Social Media - Salt Smart
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of a "More Isn't Always Better" video created by the Salt Smart Collaborative in Illinois. The video illustrates several instances where more isn't always better and applies the same thinking to salt use, while including a few specific suggestions for sustainable winter salt use. Sent to municipal staff in Greenscapes newsletter and posted on Greenscapes social media.
Targeted Audience: Residents +
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
10 people reached on Greenscapes Facebook
Message Date(s): Posted on Greenscapes social media Feb. 11, 2021. Sent to municipal staff Feb. 3, 2021
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:Brochure - Complete Homeowners Septic Guide**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Distribution of EPA's Complete Homeowner's Septic Guide. The guide explains how a septic system works and details the importance of maintaining it for the sake of the environment and to save homeowners money. It also discusses a proper inspection, maintenance and emptying routine and includes tips and tricks to use water more efficiently in an attempt to put less stress on the septic system. The guide is available on the Greenscapes website and was sent to municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter. Included in the newsletter were suggestions on how to share with residents, such as: posting on town websites, new homeowner guides, etc.

etc.
Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff on March 3, 2021
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 - Septic Infographic Post
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of an infographic created by ThinkBlueMA that describes "5 Signs Your Tank Needs Cleaning",
and includes tips and tricks for proper septic maintenance. Graphic was posted on Greenscapes social media and shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter.
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Targeted Audience: Residents
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff
Measurable Goal(s):
12 people reached on GNSC Facebook, 24 people reached on GNSC Intagram
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff on March 3, 2021. Posted on Greenscapes social media March 3, 2021

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Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No •	
If yes, describe why the change was made:	
BMP:Social Media - Stormwater Pollution Post	
Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of a "Sources of Stormwater Pollution" infographic created by Central MA Collaborative. The infographic illustrates many different sources of stormwater pollution flow of water throughout an average Massachusetts watershed. It also provides tips and eliminating stormwater pollution. Posted on Greenscapes social media.	and descriibes the
Targeted Audience: Residents +	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition	
Measurable Goal(s):	
16 people reached on GNSC Instagram	
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 - Rain Garden Post  Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of a Rain Garden infographic created by Greenscapes that describes the differain garden and encourages homeowners to explore the possibility of installing one in the is available on Greenscapes website and was shared with municipal staff via Greenscape	eir yards. Inforgraphi
Targeted Audience: Residents	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff.	
Measurable Goal(s):	
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff April 29, 2021	
Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements  Appendix H Requirements	

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Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No •	
If yes, describe why the change was made:	
BMP:Webinar - Pesticides 101	
Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of a webinar recording, originally hosted by Sustainable Marblehead. Specifically discusses sustainable landscaping tips such as limited pesticide use and/or using organ Recording was shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter	*
Targeted Audience: Residents	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff	
Measurable Goal(s):	
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff April 29, 2021	
Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements   Appendix H Requirements	ents 🗌
Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes O No •	
If yes, describe why the change was made:	
BMP:Social Media - Lawn Care Post	
Message Description and Distribution Method:	
Distribution of an infographic created by ThinkBlueMA that illustrates several tips for such as getting your soil tested, limiting use of nitrogen & phosphorous rich fertilizer naturally fertilize lawns and gardens, and more. Graphic is available on the Greensca shared with municipal staff in the Greenscapes newsletter	rs, leaving leaf litter to
Targeted Audience: Residents	
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and municipal staff	
Measurable Goal(s):	
Message Date(s): Sent to municipal staff April 29, 2021	
Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☐ Appendix H Requirements	ents 🗌

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Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes ○ No ●
If yes, describe why the change was made:
BMP:Video/Social Media - Fowl Water Video
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of a video created by ThinkBlueMA that defines stormwater and explains the impact of pollution
like trash, oil, cigarettes and dog poop on stormwater and our waterways. The video is available on the
Greenscapes website, the ThinkBlueMA website, and was spread as an advertisement on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube.
Targeted Audience: Residents +
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition and ThinkBlueMA
Measurable Goal(s):
678,448 impressions in Greenscapes region
Message Date(s): Advertisement run from May 17 to June 4, 2021
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:School Program - Keeping Water Clean
Message Description and Distribution Method:
Distribution of virtual classroom materials that engage 5th grade students in several activities/experiments
designed to raise their stormwater and water conservation awareness. Students learn what a watershed is, what
stormwater, groundwater and wastewater are, how they can negatively or positively affect those water systems and how they can become better stowards of their vetershed(s). Materials include 3 "chapters" of watershed
and how they can become better stewards of their watershed(s). Materials include 3 "chapters" of watershed learning in the form of powerpoints, videos, hands-on experiments, quizzes and more. All materials are
available on the Greenscapes website and were shared directly with 5th grade educators throughout the region.
Targeted Audience: Residents +
Responsible Department/Parties: Greenscapes Coalition
Measurable Goal(s):
Sent to 113 teachers in the Greenscapes region
Message Date(s): Sent to teachers on January 29, 2021 and resent on February 22, 2021

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Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements	Appendix H Requirements
Was this message different than what was proposed in yo	our NOI? Yes  ● No ○
If yes, describe why the change was made:	
The Keeping Water Clean program is normally conducted	ed in person at individual schools.
Add an Education	onal Message
MCM2: Public	Participation
Describe the opportunity provided for public involvement Program (SWMP) <b>during this reporting period</b> :	nt in the development of the Stormwater Management
BMP 1: Public Participation in Stormwater Program Dev Household hazardous waste/used oil collection. The mea	±
The current version of the SWMP is available on the Tov Board of Selectmen meeting for discussion.	wn's website. The SWMP is always submitted to a
Was this opportunity different than what was proposed in	n your NOI? Yes ○ No ●
Describe any other public involvement or participation of	opportunities conducted during this reporting period
MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detec	ction and Elimination (IDDE)
Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)  Check off the box below if the statement is true.  This SSO section is NOT applicable because	ouse we DO NOT have canitary sewer
	idoc we DO 1101 have samuary sewer
Below, report on the number of SSOs identified in the MS	S4 system and removed <b>during this reporting period</b> .
Number of SSOs identified: 0	
Number of SSOs removed: 0	

MS4 System Mapping
Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:
See comments in the comment box for Part II Self Assessment
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. Please also include the updated inventory and ranking of outfalls/interconnections based on monitoring result
<ul> <li>No outfalls were inspected</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission</li> </ul>
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: 0
Below, report on the percent of outfalls/interconnections screened to date.
Percent of outfalls screened: 0
Optional: Provide additional information regarding your outfall/interconnection screening:
See comments in the comment box for Part II Self Assessment.
The Town allocated additional funds for FY2022 to contract with a consultant to perform the inspections. The effort is ongoing.
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.
No catchment investigations were conducted      The catchment investigation data is attached to the amail submission.
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Polous report on the number of establishment investigations completed during this reporting paried
Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed during this reporting period.  Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period.
Number of catchment investigations completed this reporting period: 0
Below, report on the percent of catchments investigated to date.
Percent of total catchments investigated: 0

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

See comments in comment box for Part II Self Assessment. The initial outfall catchment delineations have been completed.

#### **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.

schedule of ren	noval.			
•	No illicit discharges were found			
$\circ$	<ul> <li>The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission</li> </ul>			
$\circ$	The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following website:			
			<u> </u>	
-	on the number of illicit discharges ident g this reporting period.	ified and re	emoved, along with the volume of sewage	
	Number of illicit discharges identified:	0		
	Number of illicit discharges removed:	0		
	Estimated volume of sewage removed:	0	gallons/day	
	v	v	and removed to date. At a minimum, report on effective date of the permit (July 1, 2018).	
	Total number of illicit discharges identi	ified: 0		
	Total number of illicit discharges remov	ved: 0		
•	vide any additional information for claric removed below:	ty regarding	g illicit discharges identified, removed, or	

#### **Employee Training**

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

The Town employees involved in the Town's MS4 permitting attended 3 online training courses/webinars during the reporting period.

- 1. Providence Stormwater Innovation Center/SNEP: Maintaining Green Stormwater Infrastructure March 5, 2021.
- 2. Think Blue Massachusetts: Social Skills of Social Media Online Training, May 18, 2021.
- 3. MS4 Construction Site Inspections: Key Elements and Best Practices May 5, 2021.

#### 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: 3
Number of inspections completed: 11
Number of enforcement actions taken: 0
Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:
MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
As-built Drawings
Below, report on the number of as-built drawings received during this reporting period.
Number of as-built drawings received: 2
Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to the submission of as-built drawings:
Street Design and Parking Lots Report

The Town has not planned or completed changes to the street design and parking lot standards. The Town intends to make these changes during year 4 of the permit. The Town is hoping that the Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission receives grant funds to assist member Towns 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:

The Town has not planned or completed changes to the street design and parking lot standards. The Town intends to make these changes during year 4 of the permit. The Town is hoping that the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission receives grant funds to assist member Towns 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:

The Town with assistance from the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission identified 7 potential permittedowned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas. Catchment areas for each of the properties have been identified.

#### 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.

removed from the caren basins <b>airing this reporting period</b> .	
Number of catch basins inspected: 715	
Number of catch basins cleaned: 715	
Total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins: 72.27	tons
Below, report on the total number of catch basins in the MS4 system.  Total number of catch basins: 715	
If applicable:	
Report on the actions taken if a catch basin sump is more than 50% full during two consecutive inspections/cleaning events:	ve routine

#### **Street Sweeping**

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

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O Number of miles cleaned: 13			
• Volume of material removed:	11.5	cubic yards	
○ Weight of material removed:		[Select Units]	
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SW Below, report on the number of site inspection reporting period.	s for faciliti	es that require a SWPPP com	pleted <b>during this</b>
Number of site inspections cor	mpleted: 0		
Describe any corrective actions taken at a fac-	ility with a S	SWPPP:	
Covid personnel restrictions limited the Town SWPPP. The potential to interface with multimplement these procedures was significantly during FY2022 if Covid restrictions ease.	iple Town d	epartments that would be nece	essary to develop and
Monitoring or Study Results  Results from any other stormwater or receiving reporting period not otherwise mentioned about permit effectiveness must be attached.  One is not applicable One is not ap	ove, where the	ne data is being used to information in the data is being used to information ies are attached to the email su	permit compliance or
If such monitoring or studies were conducted entities were reported to you, a brief description described below:	•		•
Additional Information			
Optional: Enter any additional information reduring the reporting period. Include any BMF	•		-
The Town was restricted in completing severarestrictions. Requirements that were impacted	-		_

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#### **COVID-19 Impacts**

Optional: If any of the above year 3 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:

The impacts of COVID on the Town's ability to complete the year 3 requirements are noted above where applicable. Requirements that were impacted by Covid are noted above in the appropriate section.

#### **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 4 requirements summarized below. (Note: impaired waters and TMDL requirements are not listed below)

Yes, I agree ⊠

- Develop a report assessing current street design and parking lot guidelines and other local requirements within the municipality that affect the creation of impervious cover
- Develop a report assessing existing local regulations to determine the feasibility of making green infrastructure practices allowable when appropriate site conditions exist
- Identify a minimum of 5 permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas

#### **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 curbed streets at least annually
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Implemented SWPPPs for all permittee owned or operated maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities

- 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

- Review O&M programs for all permittee owned facilities; update if necessary
- Implement all maintenance procedures for permittee owned facilities in accordance with O&M programs
- Implement program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
- Enclose all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt
- Review as-built drawings for new and redevelopment to ensure compliance with post construction bylaws, regulations, or regulatory mechanism consistent with permit requirements
- Inspect all permittee owned treatment structures (excluding catch basins)

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 4 below:			

## Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2021

#### 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:	Robert Sinibaldi	Title:	DPW Director
	Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]	Date:	09/22/2021