

**Year 6 Annual Report**  
**Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit**  
**Reporting Period: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024**

*\*\*Please DO NOT attach any documents to this form. Instead, attach all requested documents to an email when submitting the form. Also ensure any websites included on this form are to publicly accessible sites\*\**

*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, 2023 and June 30, 2024 unless otherwise requested.*

## **Part I: Contact Information**

Name of Municipality or Organization:

EPA NPDES Permit Number:

### **Primary MS4 Program Manager Contact Information**

Name:  Title:

Street Address Line 1:

Street Address Line 2:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Email:  Phone Number:

### **Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information**

SWMP Location (publicly available web address):

Date SWMP was Last Updated:

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.

### 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 publicly available website:

Updated system map due in year 10 with information from completed catchment investigations

Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period

Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters

All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period

Enclosed all road salt storage piles or facilities and implemented winter road maintenance procedures to minimize the use of road salt

Implemented SWPPPs 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 or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

The Municipal Facilities Operation and Maintenance Plan is implemented. The Municipal Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance Plan is full implemented except for the structural BMPs. The City is currently creating a schedule and exploring funding options for the maintenance of the BMPs.

## **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
  - This is not applicable because there are no septic systems present

*\* 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:

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

### Annual Requirements

#### *Public Education and Outreach\**

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

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

***Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations***

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

***Structural BMPs***

- Installed a structural BMP as a demonstration project within the drainage area of the water quality limited water or its tributaries. The type of BMP installed is (e.g. *biofiltration*):

West Water Street-106-191- Pump Station

Decrease in pavement and a rip-rap infiltration swale has been installed.

Any structural BMPs listed in Attachment 3 to Appendix F already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents was tracked and the nitrogen removal by the BMP was estimated

- consistent with Attachment 3 to Appendix F. The BMP type, total area treated by the BMP, the design storage volume of the BMP, and the estimated nitrogen removed in mass per year by the BMP were documented.

- No BMPs were installed
- The above referenced BMP information is attached to the email submission
- The above referenced BMP information can be found at the following publicly available website:

Total estimated nitrogen removed in lbs/year from the installed BMPs: 1,998

*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:

**Phosphorus (Combination of Impaired Waters Requirements and TMDL Requirements as Applicable)****Annual Requirements*****Public Education and Outreach\****

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

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

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- No BMPs were installed
- The above referenced BMP information is attached to the email submission
- The above referenced BMP information can be found at the following publicly available website:

Total estimated phosphorus removed in **lbs/year** from the installed BMPs: 334

*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:

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*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:

The list of impairments has been revised based on the 2018/2020 updated list of impaired waters.  
Outfall mapping has been completed.

## 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:** 7

*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:Pet Waste Pick-Up**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Pet Waste Education - flyers describing benefits and best methods of pet waste disposal and detailing the negative effects of not picking up after your pet.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

Pet Waste education messages are posted on the website at: <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/department-public-works/pages/stormwater-management-0> and on the City's Facebook page.

Message Date(s): 7/2/2023

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:Erosion Control Pamphlet**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Erosion Control Flyer describing benefits and best methods for erosion control during construction.

Targeted Audience: Developers (construction)

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

Flyer is posted in DPW building. It is also posted on the City's website at: <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/department-public-works/pages/stormwater-management-0>

Message Date(s): Ongoing

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 Management**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

This is a general message to residents, addressing lawn care, rain water, vehicle care, household chemicals, and pet waste.

Targeted Audience: Residents, Businesses, institutions and commercial facilities, Developers

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

Available on website at: <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/department-public-works/pages/stormwater-management-0>

Message Date(s): Ongoing

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:Hazardous Waste Day**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

The City conducts an annual household hazardous waste collection day.

Targeted Audience: Residents, Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

Track the amount of waste collected and the number of Taunton vehicles that participate.

Message Date(s): August 26, 2023

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:Homeowners guide to Proper Septic System Maintenance**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Guide to septic system maintenance booklet. Available on website:

[https://www.taunton-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1311/f/uploads/homeowner\\_guide\\_long\\_septic.pdf](https://www.taunton-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1311/f/uploads/homeowner_guide_long_septic.pdf)

Posted on City's Facebook Page.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

City will add this message to the Stormwater Page on the City's website.

Message Date(s): Ongoing

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:Lawn and Garden Tips to Curb Stormwater Pollution**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Flyer with guidance on lawn care to help minimize pollution. Located on website: <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/department-public-works/pages/stormwater-management-0>

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

Message Date(s): Ongoing

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:Business Parking Lot Pollution**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Parking lot tips to reduce polluted runoff.

Targeted Audience: Residents, institutions, and commercial

Responsible Department/Parties: SWMP Team

Measurable Goal(s):

Located on website: <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/department-public-works/pages/stormwater-management-0>

Message Date(s): Ongoing

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

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### **MCM2: Public Participation**

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

SWMP is available at DPW for review during normal business hours.

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:**  
Taunton River Watershed Festival, May 20, 2024.

### **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: 0

Number of SSOs removed: 0

#### **MS4 System Mapping**

Percent of Phase II map complete: 95

*Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:*

Catchment Investigations will be added to system mapping as the work continues.

#### **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 results.*

- No outfalls were inspected
- The above referenced outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- The above referenced outfall screening data can be found at the following publicly available website:

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

Number of outfalls screened: 79

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

Percent of outfalls screened: 50

*Optional:* Provide additional information regarding your outfall/interconnection screening:

The percentages above are for wet weather screening/sampling.

Wet weather outfalls - 145 out of 288 outfalls.

Dry weather outfalls - 288 out of 288 under Year 3. 48 out of 288 were flowing and revisited. 11 of the 48 were flowing and therefore sampled.

### **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 email submission
- The catchment investigation data can be found at the following publicly available website:

[Redacted]

*Below, report on the number of catchment investigations completed **during 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: 4

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

Catchment Investigations are being performed under Year 7.

### **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.*

- No illicit discharges were found
- The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following publicly available website:

[Redacted]

*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: 0

Number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Estimated volume of sewage removed: 0 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:

City of Taunton's IDDE program has identified and removed the following illicit connection:

- 391 West Water Street – connection to drain which discharges to Taunton River
- 491 West Water Street – direct discharge to Cobb Brook which discharge to the Taunton River
- 8 Cohannet Court – direct discharge to the Mill River
- 48 Cohannet Street – connection to drain which discharges to Mill River
- 125 Ingell Street – connection to drain which discharges to Taunton River
- 15 Warren Street – connection to unnamed brook which discharges to the Mill River

Additionally numerous illicit connection have also been identified and removed as part of the City's ongoing SSES projects.

### **Employee Training**

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

Training was completed on October 25, 2023. IDDE, SWPPP, SPCC and BMPs were discussed with DPW staff.

### **MCM4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

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

Number of site plan reviews completed:

Number of inspections completed:

Number of enforcement actions taken:

*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

### Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism

Date update was completed (due in year 3): June, 2021

Website of ordinance or regulatory mechanism: Zoning Board of Appeals. <https://taunton-ma.gov/432/ZBA-Rules-Regulations>

### As-built Drawings

*Below, report on the number of as-built drawings received during this reporting period.*

Number of as-built drawings received: 10

*Optional:* Enter any additional information relevant to the submission of as-built drawings:

The required as-built checklist can be found on the City's website:

<https://www.taunton-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1311/f/uploads/planchecklist.pdf>

### Street Design and Parking Lots Report

Below, describe any changes made or planned to be made to local regulations and guidelines based on the report completed in Year 4:

Updates were recommended as part of the report. The City will review report prior to revising City Ordinance Documents.

### Green Infrastructure Report

Below, describe progress towards making green infrastructure practices allowable based on the report completed in Year 4:

Updates were recommended as part of the report. The City will review report prior to revising City Ordinance Documents.

## **Retrofit Properties Inventory**

Below, list remaining permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas (must maintain a minimum of 5 sites in inventory until less than 5 sites remain):

Address	Parcel ID	Site Description
Oak Street	77-27	Housing Authority
Oak Street	65-598	Fire Station
Fisher Street	64-1	Golf Course
Cohannet Street	90-189	Park
Arlington Street	55-760	City Storage Yard
60 Williams Street	67-119	John F Parker Middle School
12 Monroe Street	47-20	Hopewell Elementary School

Below, list all properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area that were inventoried as part of 2.3.6.d of the permit and the type of BMP(s) implemented. Non-MS4 owned properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious area may also be listed, but must be indicated as non-MS4.

Address	Parcel ID	Site Description
West Water Street	106-191	Pump Station

Decrease in pavement and a rip-rap infiltration swale has been installed.

## **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:  cubic yards

*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:

Will update once two inspections are completed and record volume or mass removed going forward.

## **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: 1,573  cubic yards

Weight of material removed:  [Select Units]

## **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: 3

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

No actions have been taken.

## **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 publicly available 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**

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.

### **Year 7**

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

Yes, I agree

- Complete investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- Complete investigations of catchments where any information gathered on the outfall/interconnection identifies sewer input

### 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)
- Identify additional permittee-owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to reduce impervious areas so that the permittee maintains a minimum of 5 sites in their inventory, until such a time when the permittee has less than 5 sites remaining

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 7 below:

## Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2024

### **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:

Anthony Abreau

Title: Assistant Commissioner

Signature:



Date: 09/17/24

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]*

*Note: When prompted during signing, save the document under a new file name.*

### **Annual Report Submission**

*Please submit the form electronically via email to both EPA and MassDEP by clicking on one of the links below or using the email addresses listed below. Please ensure that all required attachments are included in the email and not attached to this PDF.*

EPA: stormwater.reports@epa.gov

MassDEP: Stormwater.DEP@mass.gov

### **Paper Signature:**

*If you did not sign electronically above, you can print the signature page by clicking the button below.*

*Optional: If you did not sign electronically above, you may lock the form by clicking the "Lock Form" button below which will prompt you to save the locked version of the form. Save this locked version under a new file name.*