

Year 7 Annual Report

Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit

Reporting Period: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

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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, 2024 and June 30, 2025 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Town of Cohasset

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041032

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (publicly available web address): <https://www.cohassetma.org/166/Conservation-Commission-Office>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: 9/17/2020

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)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Chloride	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Phosphorus
<input type="checkbox"/> Solids/ Oil/ Grease (Hydrocarbons)/ Metals			
TMDL(s)			
<i>In State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assabet River Phosphorus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bacteria and Pathogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Cod Nitrogen
	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles River Watershed Phosphorus	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake and Pond Phosphorus	
<i>Out of State:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacteria/Pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Metals	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen
			<input type="checkbox"/> 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 7 Requirements

- ☐ Completed catchment investigations associated with Problem Outfalls
- ☐ Completed catchment investigations where information gathered on the outfall/interconnection indicated sewer input

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:

2 SSOs were addressed during the period. Details are not yet available but the inventory will be updated when details are available.

- ☒ 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:

1. The SWMP is available for review on the Town's website and comments are encouraged. A draft update has been completed and the final update is expected to be made available for public review during Year 8.
2. The Town recently completed upgrades to its town-wide GIS mapping. Any MS4 system mapping upgrades will be made to this new system as appropriate.
3. The conservation agent reviewed all of the training videos developed by Know the Flow, a water resources management initiative that provides public information and coordination among Anoka County Minnesota agencies, communities and water management organizations. The plan is to have select town personnel review the videos during Year 8.
4. O&M programs will again be reviewed in Year 8 and changes will be made as appropriate.

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 F and H 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:

1. Pet Waste for Residents information that was developed for the Town by the North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA) was forwarded internally to local departments and local organizations and is available physically in Town Hall Entrance.
2. Septic Maintenance for Residents information, developed by the NSRWA for the Town was distributed

internally.

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

Part III: Receiving Waters/Impaired Waters/TMDL

Have you made any changes to your lists of receiving waters, outfalls, or impairments since the NOI was submitted?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, describe below, including any relevant impairments or TMDLs:

Part IV: Minimum Control Measures

Please fill out all of the metrics below. If applicable, include in the description who completed the task if completed by a third party.

MCM1: Public Education

Number of educational messages completed **during this reporting period:**

*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: School curriculum, programs, press release, social media posts, survey

Message Description and Distribution Method:

School Program: Stormwater and Conservation Messaging - Groundwater model, watershed model, cleaning dirty water, and more, taught to elementary school students and parent volunteers in school program

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

School programs are in-person. We have a series of videos and the Watershed Jeopardy game that the teachers use before our live visit. The curriculum consists of 6 hands-on educational activity stations, plus a packet of supplemental materials to go with the program. There were 106 students who participated in the program in 2 school visits. In a sample survey, 85% of the students and 90% of the parents reported having a greater understanding of where their water comes from AFTER the program, 85% of the students and 85% of the parents reported having a greater understanding of the importance of conserving water AFTER the program, and 85% of the students and 85% of the parents reported having a greater understanding of how pollutants and runoff affect the quality of water AFTER the program. A press release went out to the town, The Globe, the Patriot Ledger, Wicked Local, and the Cohasset Mariner. There were 680 views on the school program web page which has the virtual videos. The program was also posted on the NSRWA Facebook page and the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. The Town hosted the Water All Around You Program at the Deer Hill Elementary School. Press Releases were issued on NSWRA website and Deer Hill website, and in Town Manager Weekly Updates.

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☐ Appendix H Requirements ☐

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

If yes, describe why the change was made:

BMP: Press release, social media posts, flyer, web page, E-newsletter

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Regional Rain Barrel Sale - Education about water conservation and the reduction of stormwater from impervious surfaces

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

A press release went out to the town, The Globe, the Patriot Ledger, Wicked Local, and the Cohasset Mariner. There were 8,320 web page views. A \$50 boost was made on the NSRWA page that had a reach of 14,537 people and 1,131 engagements. It was posted on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. Posts were also made on Instagram. Information about the sale went out in the NSRWA E-newsletter to 12,500+ subscribers. There were 92 rain barrels sold with 7 sold to residents of Cohasset. Rain Barrel and Composter Sale information was posted to the Town Manager Weekly Updates and posted in the Building Department and Town Hall Entrance as well as forwarded to local organizations and departments.

Message Date(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Special event, festival, fairs, E-newsletter**Message Description and Distribution Method:**

Gardening Green Expo - Regional event for WaterSmart South Shore Communities that provides information on how residents can reduce stormwater from better landscaping practices.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

Gardening Green Expo was a virtual and live event this year. We had 5 Zoom lectures with 403 attendees. The featured speaker was renowned author Doug Tallamy. The live event at Kennedy's Country Gardens had 4 live speakers, 19 exhibitors/vendors, and 400 attendees. There were multiple posts on the NSRWA Facebook and Instagram pages. There was a \$50 boosted Facebook ad that resulted in 5,844 people reached, and 617 engagements. There were 11 posts on Instagram with 2,338 total views. There have been 7,533 web views and 539 YouTube views to date. It also ran in our E-news three times to 12,500+ subscribers. Our prize drawing had 110 entries, 4 from Cohasset. The Town advertised the Expo in Town Hall, in Town Manager Weekly Updates (email), and provided to local departments and organizations.

Message Date(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Brochures and pamphlets, social media posts

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Greenscapes Guide - Digital download of landscaping techniques that reduce stormwater pollutants (fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides)

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

The downloadable Greenscapes Guide was promoted online and on the NSRWA Facebook page. Posts were also made on Instagram. The web page has had 1,021 views to date. The post had a reach of 17,874 people and 703 engagements. It was also promoted on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. There was a \$50 boost of the Facebook ad targeted to Cohasset that started on June 21 and will run through July 21. To date, that post resulted in 2,747 people reached, and 88 engagements. It was also run on Instagram with 225 views. There were 139 downloads so far, with 0 from Cohasset. We also ran an E-news story to 12,500+ subscribers on Fertilizer with a Greenscapes Guide download on April 18 with 217 clicks. The GreenScapes guide was also posted on the Cohasset Conservation Commission's website page: <https://www.cohassetma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13851/2020-WaterSmart-Greenscapes-Guide-FINAL>.

Message Date(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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 posts, E-newsletter

Message Description and Distribution Method:

MS4 Message - Fertilizer message on best practices and fertilizer alternatives

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

A fertilizer message was posted on the NSRWA Facebook page in April. A \$50 boost was made on the ad and had a reach of 107,341 people and 1,400 engagements. It was also posted to the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. It ran on Instagram with 268 views. There were also 9 page views on the Know Before You Mow! web page,

124 page views on the Best Mowing Practices web page, and 481 page views on the Stormwater web page. We also ran an E-news story to 12,500+ subscribers on Fertilizer with a Greenscapes Guide download on April 18 with 217 clicks. Fertilizer Messaging for Residents was also forwarded internally to local departments.

Message Date(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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 posts, web page, E-newsletter

Message Description and Distribution Method:

MS4 Message - Grass Clippings message on best practices for lawn mowing and disposing of grass clippings

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

The grass clipping message will be sent out in our E-newsletter to 12,500+ people in July. That story will link to our Greenscapes page, which has had 1,021 views to date. The message was posted on the NSRWA Facebook page and on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. The NSRWA post had a reach of 4,553 people and 412 engagements to date. It was also posted on Instagram with 322 views and on LinkedIn. Grass Clippings for Residents was also forwarded internally to local departments.

Message Date(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Brochures and pamphlets, social media posts, press release, E-newsletter

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Pet Waste Education - Messages on proper disposal of pet waste

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

Pet waste Scoop It cards were distributed to the town clerk's office (150), and Fetch 02025 Pet Store (150). A post was created and posted on the NSRWA Facebook page and on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. As of June 20, the NSRWA post had 16,902 people reached and 1,143 engagements. There was a \$50 boost of the Facebook ad targeted to Cohasset that started on June 3 and will run through July 3. As of June 20, it had a reach of 1,788 people and 168 engagements. A press release went out on June 3 on the dog waste problem on the South Shore. This was sent to the town, The Globe, the Patriot Ledger, Wicked Local Cohasset, and the Cohasset Mariner. The pet waste message was sent out in our E-newsletter to 12,500+ people, and had 89 clicks. It was also posted on Instagram with 549 views and on LinkedIn. The web page had 851 views. Pet Waste for Residents was also forwarded internally to local departments and local organizations and is available physically in Town Hall Entrance.

Message Date(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Press release, social media post, web page, brochures and pamphlets**Message Description and Distribution Method:**

Septic Maintenance - Maintenance of septic systems, corresponding with SepticSmart week in September

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

A press release to went out to the town, The Globe, the Patriot Ledger, Wicked Local Cohasset, and the Cohasset Mariner. A post was made on the NSRWA Facebook page in September. That post had a reach of 643 people and 2 engagements. There have been 616 web page views to date. It also ran in our E-news to 12,500+ subscribers, with 109 clicks. The Town also distributed Septic Smart Educational Materials internally to the Board of Health and posted the information in Town Hall in 2024.

Message Date(s): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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 posts

Message Description and Distribution Method:

MS4 Message - Leaf Litter message in October on proper disposal of lawn waste and leaves

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

A message about leaf litter was posted on the NSRWA Facebook page in October. The message had a reach of 1,244 people, and 11 engagements. The message was also posted on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. There were also 124 page views on the Best Mowing Practices web page, and 889 page views on the Stormwater web page. Leaf Litter for Residents was posted in Town Hall and forwarded internally to Conservation Commission.

Message Date(s): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Brochures and pamphlets

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Proper Sediment and Erosion Control Management - Sediment and erosion control message provided by departments at permit request

Targeted Audience: Developers (construction)

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

A brochure entitled Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guide was created and delivered to the Building department. These brochures will be handed to the person when they receive their permit. There were 500 distributed to the town of Cohasset initially, and we just delivered 200 to replenish their supply. Sediment and Erosion Control Management for Developers brochures were also issued with Wetlands and Stormwater Permits and are available in the Building Department and Entrance to Town Hall.

Message Date(s): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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: Press release, social media posts, web page

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Enter to Win One of 3 Amazing Books Contest with Questions - Contest with 6 stormwater questions

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

We held a book contest with education on how to prevent stormwater. The prizes were books on wastewater, conservation, and our relationship to water. There were 6 multiple choice questions on stormwater, and the correct answers were sent to the registrants in their entry confirmation. The contest was posted on the NSRWA Facebook page in December. The post had a reach of 1,818 people and 8 engagements. The Facebook post was boosted with a \$50 ad with a reach of 3,194 people and 290 engagements. There were 240 web page views and 114 entries, with 2 entries from Cohasset.

Message Date(s):

Message Completed for: Appendix F Requirements ☐ Appendix H Requirements ☐Was this message different than what was proposed in your NOI? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, describe why the change was made:

BMP: Web page, social media post, educational video

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Proper Management of Waste Materials and Dumpsters - Messaging on proper Dumpster maintenance and Free Dumpster Maintenance Checklist

Targeted Audience: Businesses, institutions and commercial facilities and industrial facilities

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

We created a Best Practices Checklist for Proper Management of Waste Materials and Dumpsters. This downloadable file was posted on a WaterSmart web page with 135 views and 18 downloads. We also created an educational video that was posted on our website and Facebook page. The video was posted on 15 South Shore business and industry Facebook groups, with a combined reach of 27,764 people. It was posted on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. It was also run on LinkedIn with 21 views.

Message Date(s): 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Press release, social media post, web page, brochures and pamphlets

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Parking Lot Maintenance - Messaging on parking lot maintenance and Free Parking Lot Maintenance Checklist

Targeted Audience: Businesses, institutions and commercial facilities and industrial facilities

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

We created a Best Practices Checklist for Parking Lot Maintenance. This downloadable file was posted on a WaterSmart website page with 210 views and 6 downloads. We also created an educational video that was posted on our website and Facebook page. It was posted on 15 South Shore business and industry Facebook groups, with a combined reach of 27,764 people. It was posted on the Cohasset 143 Facebook page. It was also run on LinkedIn with 24 views.

Message Date(s): 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

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 post, web page, brochures and pamphlets

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Low Impact Development Information Targeted to Developers - Reduction of impervious surfaces, use of alternatives to paving, decentralized approach to stormwater, rain gardens, swales, bioretention

Targeted Audience: Developers (construction)

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

A brochure on Low Impact Development was created and delivered to the Building department in Cohasset. They received 500 in the initial delivery. These will be handed out with permits. This year they received 100. The web page had 103 views. It was also posted on the NSRWA Facebook page on June 20 with 659 views to date. Low Impact Development Information Targeted to Developers brochures were issued with Wetlands and Stormwater Permits and available in the Building Department and Entrance to Town Hall.

Message Date(s): 2023, 2024, 2025

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:Web post, video, E-news story, press release, social media posts

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Ice Melter - Messaging on proper use of ice melters and safe alternatives

Targeted Audience: Businesses, institutions, commercial facilities, industrial facilities and residents

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

We ran a story on Better Ways to Melt Ice and Snow. This was sent to 12,500+ recipients of our E-news, posted on social media, and sent to the town, The Globe, the Patriot Ledger, Wicked Local Cohasset, and the Cohasset Mariner. The web page had 1,506 views. The Facebook post had 581 views, and Instagram had 300 views. We also ran On the Road with Salt by Trillium Studies on Facebook, which had a reach of 772 people and 10 engagements. Make Your Own Salt Brine was posted on Facebook with 25,883 views and 191 engagements, and on Instagram with 382 views and 16 engagements. Chloride, Sand Snow Melter information was posted in Building Department and Town Hall Entrance. Salt Brine Information was posted in the Building Department and Town Hall Entrance and forwarded internally to local departments. Better Ways to Melt Ice and Snow was posted in the Building Department and Town Hall Entrance and forwarded internally to local departments.

Message Date(s): 2025

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:Multi-media, social media, print materials, website

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Town Media Kit - Including all messages above.

Targeted Audience: Residents, Developers, Businesses, Institutions, Commercial Facilities and Industrial Faci

Responsible Department/Parties: North and South Rivers Watershed Association as part of the WaterSmart reg

Measurable Goal(s):

We created the WaterSmart Toolkit and Calendar. The calendar shows what months we run each campaign. The folders are listed with the months before the campaign name. These are provided to the town to get more coverage for each of the messages. The campaigns can be used in town emails, newsletters, statements, websites, or social media. The additional metrics will be tracked by the town. The calendar was distributed by the Town internally to local departments and Open Space & Rec Committee.

Message Date(s): 2025

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 SWMP continues to be available for viewing on the Town's website (<https://www.cohassetma.org/166/Conservation-Commission-Office>). Comments are encouraged.

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**:

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

Percent of Phase II map complete:

Optional: Provide additional status information regarding your map:

The Town has been continuing to update its mapping and with a goal of having the Phase II map completed by the end of Year 10. The above listed 80% completion is an estimate.

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:

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

Percent of outfalls screened:

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

The Town has historically hired interns to perform outfall screening and it is estimated that 95% of the Town's outfalls have been screened. All information has been uploaded into the Town's GIS where it can be viewed.

The Town recently completed an upgrade of the Town's GIS to ArcGIS and is in the process of reviewing all of the transferred data within each department. When the review is complete and the upgrade is final, the information can be made available for external review.

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:

*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 Town is planning to complete catchment investigations during Year 8 for Problem Outfalls and by Year 10 for High and Low Priority Outfalls, pending funding availability.

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:

*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:

Employee Training

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

The conservation agent reviewed all of the training videos developed by Know the Flow, a water resources management initiative that provides public information and coordination among Anoka County Minnesota agencies, communities and water management organizations. The plan is to have select town personnel review the videos during Year 8.

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: 72

Number of inspections completed: 68

Number of enforcement actions taken: 5

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: 28

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

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:

Cohasset, through its consultant, continues to evaluate its local regulations and guidelines and recommendations are expected to be complete during Year 8.

Green Infrastructure Report

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

The use of green infrastructure is encouraged through existing bylaws and regulations at all projects within the Town. Cohasset, through its consultant, continues to evaluate its local regulations and guidelines. Additional recommendations to further encourage LID use, if applicable, are expected to be complete during Year 8.

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):

Cohasset has historically been proactively aggressive in locating and constructing stormwater BMPs throughout the Town using both Town and grant funding. Throughout Year 8 we will continue to look into additional sites where BMPs could be constructed to add to our list of locations.

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.

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:

N/A

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:

☐ Weight of material removed:

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:

N/A

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 8

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

Yes, I agree ☒

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 8 below:

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2025**40 CFR 144.32(d) Certification**

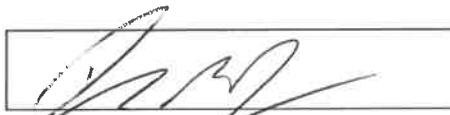
I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage 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:

Brian Joyce

Title: Director Public Works

Signature:



Date:

9/26/25

*[Signatory may be a duly authorized
representative]*