

# Year 7 Annual Report

## Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit

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

**\*\*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, 2024 and June 30, 2025 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.

### 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:

- ☒ 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:

Halifax inspected 28 of 30 town-owned, MS4-regulated stormwater BMPs in PY7. The 2 BMPs that were not inspected were unable to be located or not accessible. Halifax will ensure all BMPs mapped for inspection are mapped accurately and accessible for inspection in future permit years.

### **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:

Any resident installing a new septic system in Halifax receives a "10 Commandments" flyer of how to use your septic system from the Board of Health. 41 flyers were distributed to residents that installed a new system and /or conducted minor repairs (d-box, tank). An additional 15 flyers were distributed to Realtors who came into the office to ask questions before a new installation of a home for sale. Additionally, the Town of Halifax provides homeowner resources and pertinent regulations for septic systems on their website.  
<https://www.halifax-ma.org/2025/Septic-System>  
<https://www.halifax-ma.org/2040/Homeowner-Information---Septic-Systems-->

### **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 F and H 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*):

Infiltration Basin

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:

<https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1dfedc2a65545c98761d0ca7b70b30f>

Total estimated nitrogen removed in lbs/year from the installed BMPs: 71.3

*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 Town of Halifax distributed information encouraging the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and the proper use of slow-release fertilizers on May 27, 2025 on the Board of Health Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1029477019326601&set=a.260072569600387>

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1029477625993207&set=a.260072569600387>

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1029478922659744&set=pcb.1029479015993068>

The Halifax Town Clerk distributed the "Do Your Doody" fact sheet about pet waste management to dog owners during the June 2025 rabies clinic. 75 residents attended this rabies clinic. Information concerning pet waste management was also distributed during the annual "Halifax Fur Festival Event" hosted on June 21st, 2025.

The Town of Halifax distributed information on October 20, 2024 encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter on the Board of Health Facebook page.

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## **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)*

#### *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*):

Infiltration Basin

- ☒ Any structural BMPs already existing or installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents was tracked and the phosphorus 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 phosphorus 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:

<https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1dfdc2a65545c98761d0ca7b70b30f>

Total estimated phosphorus removed in **lbs/year** from the installed BMPs: 16.8

*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:

In Permit Year 7, Halifax finalized plans and constructed a demonstration BMP on Plymouth Street next to Halifax Elementary School. This BMP is installed in-line with a current closed drainage system. Currently, the Town is waiting for vegetation to be established prior to redirecting drainage from the closed drainage system to the BMP. The Town of Halifax plans to establish vegetation in Fall 2025, and shortly after will redirect water to the BMP.

Information on estimated Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen removal can be found in the Surface BMP and Subsurface BMP layers on Halifax's MS4 Map Viewer: <https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1dfedc2a65545c98761d0ca7b70b30f>

Halifax will continue to approximate Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen removal for newly installed BMPs over the upcoming permit years.

### 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 receiving waters list in the SWMP was updated for improved accuracy, including updates from the most recent EPA approved Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List. Halifax will make similar updates when the next Section 303(d) Impaired Waters List is approved.

East Monponsett Pond (MA62218) has the following new impairments since submission of the NOI: Chlorophyll-a; Phosphorus; Curly-leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Water Milfoil, Fanwort, Harmful Algal Blooms, Mercury in Fish Tissue. A final TMDL has also been established for phosphorus. This pond's only impairment during the time of the NOI was phosphorus.

West Monponsett Pond (MA62219) has the following impairments since submission of the NOI: Chlorophylla; Eurasian Water Milfoil, Fanwort, Harmful Algal Blooms, Mercury in Fish Tissue, Transparency / Clarity. A final TMDL has also been established for phosphorus. The only impairment present during the submission of the NOI was phosphorus.

Silver Lake (MA 94143) has the following impairments since submission of the NOI: Dissolved Oxygen/ DO Saturation, fish passage, flow regime modification.

Taunton River (MA62-01) has the following impairments since submission of the NOI: Dissolved Oxygen/ DO Saturation, and E. Coli.

77 new outfalls were mapped since the NOI as updates to the Phase I Map were made.

These changes are reflected in the SWMP, which Halifax updated and confirmed on 6/30/25.

## 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: 1.01 Spring Educational Messages**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Halifax distributed educational messages in Spring highlighting proper use and disposal of grass clippings and proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilizers as well as messages speaking more broadly about the impacts of stormwater pollution on local waterbodies. Messages were distributed via the Halifax Board of Health Facebook page.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

Measurable goals include reactions, comments, and shares of the educational post. The grass clippings post received 1 share and 2 likes, the zero-phosphorous lawn fertilizer post received 0 hits, and the storm drain pollution prevention post received 0 hits.

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:

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#### **BMP: 1.08 Dog Owner Education**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

All dogs must be licensed by September 16th in Halifax. Halifax posted about the Rabies Clinic encouraging residents to get their pets vaccinated. Reminders for rabies clinics and registration deadlines were shared by the Town and Board of Health's popular Facebook pages during both the fall and spring. The Halifax Town Clerk distributed the "Do Your Doody" fact sheet about pet waste management to dog owners during the June 2025 rabies clinic. 75 residents attended this rabies clinic. Information concerning pet waste management was also distributed during the annual "Halifax Fur Festival Event" hosted on June 21st, 2025.

Targeted Audience:



Responsible Department/Parties: Board of Health

Measurable Goal(s):

Measurable goals include reactions, comments, and shares of the educational post. The August 2024 Dog Licensing post on the Town Facebook page received 1 share and 0 likes. The May 2025 Rabies Clinic posts on the Board of Health's Facebook page received 3 shares and 1 like, and the Town's Facebook page received 8 shares and 8 likes. The June 2025 Dog Licensing post on the Town's Facebook page received 9 shares and 1 like. The June 2025 Rabies Clinic post on the Highway Dept.'s Facebook page received 5 shares and 1 like.

Message Date(s): August 22, 2024 / May 21, 2025 / May 27, 2025 / June 2, 2025 / June 12, 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:

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### **BMP: 1.03 Fall Educational Messages**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Halifax distributed 1 educational message in Fall "Don't Leave Leaves" message discussing the impact of leaf litter on local waterbodies. Message was distributed via the Halifax Board of Health Facebook page.

Targeted Audience: Residents; businesses, institutions, and commercial facilities

Responsible Department/Parties: Board of Health

Measurable Goal(s):

Measurable goals include reactions, comments, and shares of the educational post. The "Don't Leave Leaves" post received 1 share and 3 likes.

Message Date(s): October 20, 2024

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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Add an Educational Message

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

Halifax posted its updated SWMP on the Highway Department stormwater web page of the Town website: <https://www.halifax-ma.org/DocumentCenter/View/633/Stormwater-Management-Program---June-2025--PDF>

The SWMP includes contact information for the public to provide comments to the Stormwater Management Program Team (page 4). No comments were received on the SWMP.

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:**

- Halifax continues to coordinate with the Monponsett Watershed Association on information sharing (BMP 2.05.)
- Halifax posted Monponsett Pond's water quality information on Board of Health Facebook page and web page (BMP 2.02) 8/22/2024
- Halifax Beautification Committee hosted annual Fall Clean-Up Week beginning 10/5/2024 through 10/13/2024 that 20-30 volunteers attended, filling one 7-yard dumpster with waste.
- Halifax Beautification Committee hosted an annual Spring Clean-Up event on 5/3/2025 and 5/4/2025 that 20-30 volunteers attended, filling one 5-yard dumpster with waste.
- Halifax hosted a Hazardous Waste Collection Event for residents on 5/3/2025 with 90 residents attending.

### **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 of Halifax continues to update Phase II mapping as catchment investigations are completed. The number above accounts for the total number of completely mapped catchments. Town-owned regulated MS4 infrastructure outside of these catchments and catchments flagged as requiring mapping updates are considered to be incompletely mapped.

#### **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:

<https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1dfedc2a65545c98761d0ca7b70b30f>

*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:*

151 out of 153 outfalls requiring screening have been screened. The remaining outfalls to be screened are either newly mapped or require access to be restored to upstream structures in order to complete screening. Halifax will prioritize screening these structures in PY8.

### **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:

<https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1dfedc2a65545c98761d0ca7b70b30f>

*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:*

126 catchment investigations have been completed including catchments considered complete based on the absence of key junction structures and dry weather screening results. In Permit Year 8 the Town of Halifax will prioritize high priority catchments.

### **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:**

Annual employee training was held on 4/1/2025. Ten (10) staff were present including personnel from the highway department, health department, and the conservation agent. Topics addressed include illicit discharge identification, removal, ordinances, and good housekeeping.

### **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**

### **As-built Drawings**

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

Number of as-built drawings received:

*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:

In PY4, Halifax created a schedule for implementing the proposed bylaw changes. Halifax plans to get the bylaw revisions drafted, reviewed, and brought to the Zoning and Planning Board for review and vote in PY8.

### **Green Infrastructure Report**

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

In PY4, Halifax created a schedule for implementing the proposed bylaw changes. Halifax plans to get the bylaw revisions drafted, reviewed, and brought to the Zoning and Planning Board for review and vote in PY8.

### **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):

Eight potential retrofit properties/projects are listed below with more information included on the sites in Halifax's webmap: <https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c1dfedc2a65545c98761d0ca7b70b30f>

1. Outfall OW-16: between 608 Monponsett Street and 610 Monponsett Street
2. Outfall OW-09: the intersection of Richview Avenue and Eleventh Avenue
3. Outfall OWR-12: Thompson Street
4. Outfall OE-33: Richmond Park off of Plymouth Street
5. Intersection of Holmes Street and Garden Road
6. Outfall OSL-02: Brandeis Circle
7. Outfall OSL-07: intersection of Oak Street and Aldana Road
8. Intersection of Old Plymouth Street and Plymouth Street

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.

In Permit Year 7, Halifax finalized plans and constructed a demonstration BMP on Plymouth Street next to the Halifax Elementary School.

## **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:

No catch basin sumps were observed to be more than 50% full during two consecutive inspection events. 523 catch basins were cleaned in Fall 2024 with 60 tons of material removed. All 1110 catch basins were then cleaned in Spring 2025 with 95 tons of material removed.

### **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:  [Select Units]
- ☒ 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:

No corrective actions were documented at a facility with a SWPPP. Due to staffing constraints only two inspections were completed; however, the Town intends to conduct quarterly inspections in PY8 ensuring one of which is conducted in wet weather.

## **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):

<https://www.halifax-ma.org/board-health/pages/beaches-ponds-monponsett>  
<https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxBOH/>

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:

The Halifax Board of Health posts DEP water quality results for Monponsett Ponds and other town beach monitoring on its Facebook page and Town website (BMP 2.02). See above.

### **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.

In Permit Year 7 the Town of Halifax hired a conservation agent, a position that was previously vacant for an extended period of time. Given that the Town's stormwater bylaws and regulations are administered through the Conservation Commission, this key hire has helped support implementation of these regulations and bylaws. Halifax has also worked to improve site plan review, site visit, and as-built submittal tracking.

## **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.

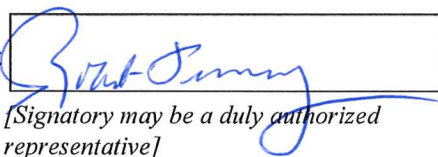
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Signature:

  
[Signatory may be a duly authorized representative]

Date:

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