

**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:

### 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:

## **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:

Leaf litter pamphlet was sent out 10/22/2024 (14,500 flyers)  
 Fertilizer management pamphlet was sent out 3/25/2025 (14,750 flyers)

## **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*):

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:

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

*Optional:* If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

***Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or Metals***

**Annual Requirements**

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

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

- The street sweeping schedule is attached to the email submission
- The street sweeping schedule can be found at the following publicly available website:

Prioritized inspection and maintenance for catch basins to ensure that no sump shall be more than 50 percent full; Cleaned catch basins more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicated excessive sediment or debris loadings

*Optional:* If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above or provide any additional details, please use the box below:

Currently prioritize catch basins at low points that are prone to collecting sediment as well as catch basins located in the center of town. Norwood acquired funds from an asset management grant to invest in tablets to

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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:

Impairments were revised per the newest 2022 data.

## 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:** 4

*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:Proper Pet Waste Disposal**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Distributed pet waste info with dog licenses

Targeted Audience: Pet/dog owners

Responsible Department/Parties: Town Clerk

Measurable Goal(s):

Educate the public, modify behavior, and reduce the amount of pollutants from improper dog waste disposal.

Message Date(s): Dog licenses must be paid for by May 30 or a late fee is applied

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:Proper Fertilizer Use**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

14,750 fliers were issued on March 25, 2025 informing residents about the proper use, type, and concentration of fertilizers.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW

Measurable Goal(s):

Educate the public and modify behavior on proper fertilizer application

Message Date(s):

March 25, 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:Leaf Litter Mailing**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

14,500 fliers were issued in the mail on October 22, 2024 informing residents about the proper disposal of leaf litter.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: DPW

Measurable Goal(s):

Educate the public and modify behavior about proper leaf litter disposal at the Town Composting Facility on Winter Street.

Message Date(s): October 22, 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:

### **BMP:Septic System Information**

Message Description and Distribution Method:

"Do Your Part. Be SepticSmart!" pamphlet and "After the Storm" pamphlets. Both are available at the Town hall and will be included in the new stormwater website, when completed.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Engineering/DPW

Measurable Goal(s):

Educate the public/septic system owners and modify behavior about septic system upkeep.

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:

[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**:

Norwood established a Sustainability Commission with public involvement to educate the community on Norwood's sustainability initiatives and resources in creating a greener Norwood and fostering a sense of commitment to sustainability and the environment. These Town events make continuous improvements to sustainability by offering recycling and composting. The Commission has been working on metrics such as weight of solid waste collected, weight of recyclable materials collected, volume and/or weight of compost accumulated, and total resident energy and water usage. The Commission is looking to have these metrics available to the public on the Town website to allow residents to track the status of various sustainability areas and monitor progress and improvement.

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**:

Earth day cleanup for trash collection

Hazardous Waste Days (September 2024 - 252 cars; June 2025 - 320 cars)

Norwood Free Tree Program (NepRWA) - Residents who take part get a free tree to plant in their yard and agree to take care of it for at least 3 years.

Norwood Climate Change Survey (NepRWA) - gathers feedback from residents on how climate change is affecting the community.

Norwood began its Comprehensive 10-Year Plan in August of 2024

(<https://neponset.org/norwood-residents-exercise-your-power/>)

## 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:

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

The current town-wide Drainage Infrastructure Map is included in the Appendix of this Annual Report. The mapping will be updated as catchment investigations are completed.

## **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:

## **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:

### 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: 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: 0

Total number of illicit discharges removed: 0

*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**:

DPW crews assemble to reinforce their understanding of different illicit discharges to the MS4 system, how to identify them, and preventative measures. This training involves inspecting outfalls, recognizing flows in dry periods, the importance of controlling stockpiled materials, use of fertilizers, and proper pet waste disposal.

Additionally, the DPW Sewer and Drain Division virtually attended the UMass Transportation IDDE Training for MS4.

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### **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: 80

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: 7

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

All as-built drawings were submitted to the Conservation Commission; 0 to the Planning Board. The Town officially accepted new Stormwater Regulations to enforce their new Stormwater Bylaw. Regulations are consistent with the anticipated MS4 permit updates and include requiring As-Built drawings for projects.

### **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:

A report was not completed in Year 4. However, The Town of Norwood hired a consultant to review and revise existing Conservation Commission and Zoning Regulations focused on reduction of impervious surfaces and prioritizing LID/nature-based stormwater SCMs. The Town and their consultant also drafted new Stormwater Regulations that incorporate modern standards that align with the requirements of the current MS4 permit and requirements anticipated in the upcoming MS4 permit.

### **Green Infrastructure Report**

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

A report was not completed in Year 4. However, the Town's newly drafted Stormwater Regulations emphasize the need to utilize "nature-based" LIDs. Additional Town Standard Details were revised and supplemented with additional LID details including rain gardens/bioretention areas, vegetated swales, and country drainage/water quality swales.

### **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):

Additional recharge and treatment at Coakley Middle School parking lot; stormwater SCMs at the Cleveland School; subsurface retrofits necessary to install a bio-infiltration area at the Salvage Center.

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.

Bernie Cooper Park Completion; installing bio-infiltration areas at the ends of St. John Avenue, St. Joseph Avenue, & St. Paul Avenue; impervious surface reduction from the mini cul-de-sacs at St. Joseph and St. John Avenues; pervious pavement parallel parking spaces on the cut-through between St . Paul and St. Joseph Avenue.

## **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:

## Street Sweeping

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

Number of miles cleaned: 270

Volume of material removed: \_\_\_\_\_ [Select Units]

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: 0

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

A SWPPP is being generated and the results of the inspections will be included in Year 8 of the permit.

## **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.

The Town of Norwood has engaged a consulting firm to organize, plan, and implement its MS4 requirements beginning in Year 7. This phase commenced with an MS4 audit that outlined the permit's obligations and the

## 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:

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The Town plans to provide SWPPP Inspections for Town-Owned properties. The Town also plans to prioritize and allocate funds for dry-weather outfall screening and catchment investigations for Year 9 of the permit.

## 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:

Mark Ryan, PE

Title:

DPW Director &amp; Town Engineer

Signature:

Date:

*[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:

MassDEP:

### **Paper Signature:**

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