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May 31, 2016

Mr. Newton W. Tedder U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Mail Code OEP06-4 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Dear Mr. Tedder:

We received EPA's notification that the Town of Westhampton may be subject to the forthcoming Massachusetts MS4 permit and would like to request that EPA exercise its authority to grant an MS4 waiver for our Town.

We feel the waiver for Westhampton is justified because our urbanized area is so small. Furthermore:

- There are no buildings and therefore zero population in this urbanized area, so stormwater contributions are minimal.
- The entire area drains to an unnamed stream that then enters Turkey Brook (aka the North Branch of the Manhan River). None of these streams are listed in the Year 2014 Integrated/303d List of Waters. (Please see attached two maps.)
- We have corresponded with MassDEP Stormwater Coordinator Fred Civian about our request and he supports the granting of an MS4 waiver for the Town of Westhampton. (Please see his May 6, 2016 e-mail attached.)

Thank you for your consideration of our waiver request.

Sincerely,

Arthur Pichette, Chair Westhampton Selectboard

Attachments: Map of Westhampton, showing urbanized area and impaired waters Map enlargement of urbanized area and impaired water Letter from MassDEP Stormwater Coordinator Fred Civian