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Dear Mr. Tedder:

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

We feel the MS4 permit waiver for Williamsburg is justified for the following reasons:

- The population in our urbanized area is 395, well below the 1,000-person threshold for waivers.
- The Mill River (MA34-28), which flows through our regulated area, is showing an improved condition. The Mill River had been listed in the Year 2014 List of Integrated Waters as Category 5 (requiring a TMDL) due to *E. coli* levels that do not support primary contact recreation. In the draft Year 2016 List of Integrated Waters, however, the river is now listed as Category 2 (attaining some uses; other uses not assessed).
- Please see enclosed maps: one showing the full extent of the Town with urbanized area and the other showing an enlargement of the urbanized area and Integrated Waters status. *Note that the data for attached maps is from the Year 2014 List of Integrated Waters.*
- We have corresponded with MassDEP Stormwater Coordinator Fred Civian about our request and he indicated his support for granting of an MS4 waiver and the need not to pursue further information. In an August 31 e-mail he wrote, "My view: you may already have sufficient info to meet the criteria for a waiver." As you may know, Mr. Civian is currently out on personal leave indefinitely so further communication about the waiver at this point is not possible.

Thank you for your consideration of our waiver request.

Sincerely,

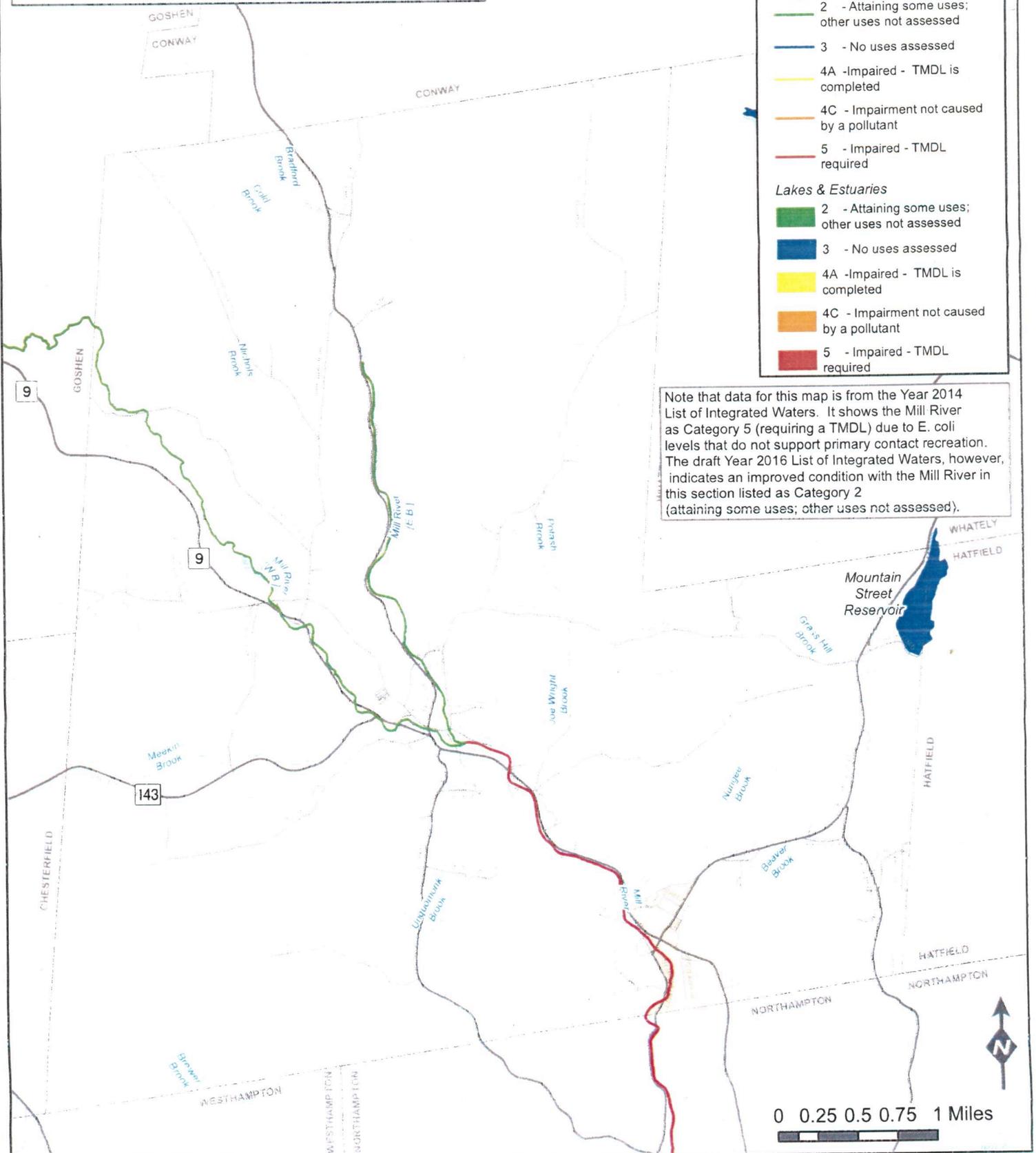
Charlene L. Nardi  
Williamsburg Town Administrator

Attachments: EPA Regulated Area Map of Williamsburg  
Map of Williamsburg, showing urbanized area and impaired waters

cc: Patty Gambarini, Principal Environmental Planner, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

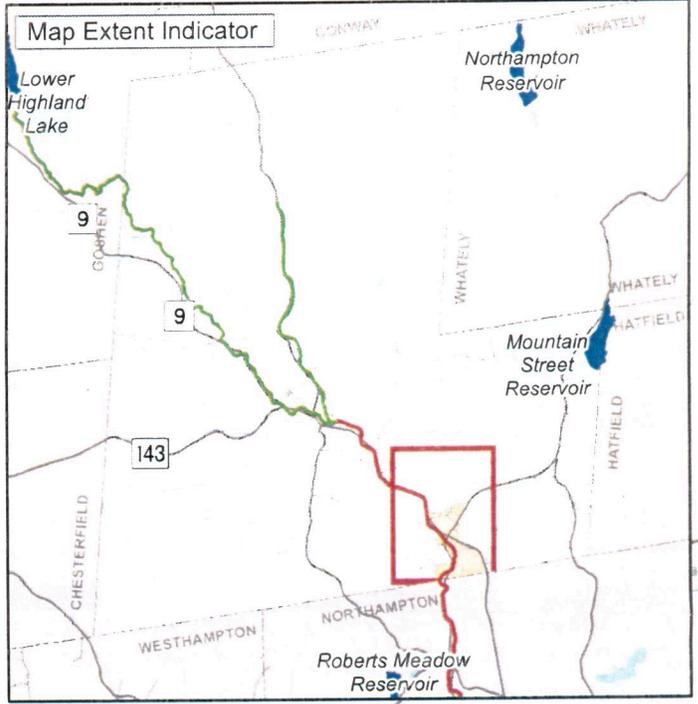
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## Urbanized Areas & Impaired Waters



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**Legend**

- Streams/Rivers
- Open Water
- Building Footprints
- Urbanized Area
- Town Boundaries

**Impaired Waters**

**Rivers**

- 2 - Attaining some uses; other uses not assessed
- 3 - No uses assessed
- 4A - Impaired - TMDL is completed
- 4C - Impairment not caused by a pollutant
- 5 - Impaired - TMDL required

**Lakes & Estuaries**

- 2 - Attaining some uses; other uses not assessed
- 3 - No uses assessed
- 4A - Impaired - TMDL is completed
- 4C - Impairment not caused by a pollutant
- 5 - Impaired - TMDL required

Note that data for this map is from the Year 2014 List of Integrated Waters. It shows the Mill River as Category 5 (requiring a TMDL) due to E. coli levels that do not support primary contact recreation. The draft Year 2016 List of Integrated Waters, however, indicates an improved condition with the Mill River in this section listed as Category 2 (attaining some uses; other uses not assessed).

