

Year 2 Annual Report
Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit
Reporting Period: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

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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, 2019 and June 30, 2020 unless otherwise requested.

Part I: Contact Information

Name of Municipality or Organization: Town of Walpole

EPA NPDES Permit Number: MAR041167

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Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Information

SWMP Location (web address): <https://www.walpole-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/stormwater-information>

Date SWMP was Last Updated: 8/4/2020

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)

- ☒ 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 2 Requirements

- ☐ Completed Phase I of system mapping
☒ Developed a written catchment investigation procedure and added the procedure to the SWMP
☒ Developed written procedures to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure the long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites and added these procedures to the SWMP
☒ Enclosed or covered storage piles of salt or piles containing salt used for deicing or other purposes
☐ Developed written operations and maintenance procedures for parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment and added these procedures to the SWMP
☒ Developed an inventory of all permittee owned facilities in the categories of parks and open space, buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment and added this inventory to the SWMP
☐ Completed a written program for MS4 infrastructure maintenance to reduce the discharge of pollutants
 Developed written SWPPPs, included in the SWMP, for all of the following permittee owned or
☐ operated facilities: maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide any additional information, and/or if any of the above year 2 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Develop written SWPPP's for all permittee owned or operated facilities i(DPW yard) is currently in draft form since we were unable to complete between March and July because of covid-19. SWPPP's were covered at the CMRSWC training in May/June, and drafts provided to participating towns. and we are working with

there templates.

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 website:

<https://www.walpole-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/stormwater-information>
- ☒ Properly stored and disposed of catch basin cleanings and street sweepings so they did not discharge to receiving waters
- ☒ Provided training to employees involved in IDDE program within the reporting period
- ☒ All curbed roadways were swept at least once within the reporting period
- ☒ Updated outfall and interconnection inventory and priority ranking as needed

Optional: If you would like to describe progress made on any incomplete requirements listed above, provide any additional information, and/or if any of the above annual requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

Town attended CMRSWC training funded under the MS4 assistance program, which included review of IDDE requirement. Stormwater Coordinator attended EPA workshop on Annual Report

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

** Public education messages can be combined with other public education requirements as applicable (see Appendix H and F 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:

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)

Potential structural BMPs

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ The BMP information is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The BMP information can be found at the following website:

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:

Walpole continues to sweep municipal owned streets and parking lots as specified in the operation and maintenance plan and on an as-need basis.

Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or MetalsAnnual 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
- ☐ 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:

Charles River Watershed Phosphorus TMDL☐ Completed Legal Analysis

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:

Legal analysis was not completed. After EPA workshop on Annual Report it was clearer what the permit was looking for this will be addressed in year 3.

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

Walpole has a very small portion of the Charles River watershed within its boundaries within a relatively rural area and there has not been enough resources to address this area yet.

Preliminary review of areas has taken place to review potential green infrastructure BMP's through the MVP grant.

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:

SWMP ;list of receiving waterbodies for Stop River segment 72-10 to "unnamed tributary to Stop river between Daisy Drive and Deerfield Drive. Eliminating bacteria impairments in Walpole (not including Neponset River which is subject to TMDL)

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:Dog waste fliers

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Given to all those applying for dog license

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

1200 fliers

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:Residential Message-Stormwater pollution is trash, oil, cigarette butts & dog waste

Message Description and Distribution Method:

ThinkBlue Massachusetts "Fowl Water" video (<https://www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org>)
Advertisement on Facebook and Youtube.

Targeted Audience:

Responsible Department/Parties:

Measurable Goal(s):

219,485 youtube and facebook

Message Date(s): july 2019

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: Lakes and Ponds

Message Description and Distribution Method:

How to keep lakes and ponds clean what residents can do.

Targeted Audience: Residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

7000 emails

Message Date(s): March 2020

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:proper Lawn Maintenance

Message Description and Distribution Method:

Flier posted on stormwater website to guide maintenance of fleet vehicles and equipment on industrial sites to prevent stormwater pollution from grease, oil and gasoline. ThinkBlue Massachusetts shared posts on Facebook in the spring encouraging proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encouraged the proper use of slow release fertilizers.

Targeted Audience: Business, Institutions, commercial facilities., residents

Responsible Department/Parties: Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

Website views

Message Date(s): NOV 1, 2019, April 28 & 30, 2020 ; May 14, & 22 2020

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:**

Stormwater documents are continuously posted on the Conservation Commission/Stormwater website and are available for public comment.

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:**

The Health department had a hazardous waste day in July 2019.

Touch a truck day in 2020 was canceled due to covid-19.

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: **MS4 System Mapping***Below, check all that apply.*

The following elements of the Phase I map have been completed:

- ☒ Outfalls and receiving waters
- ☐ Open channel conveyances
- ☐ Interconnections
- ☒ Municipally-owned stormwater treatment structures
- ☒ Waterbodies identified by name and indication of all use impairments
- ☒ Initial catchment delineations

Optional: Describe any additional progress you made on your map during this reporting period or provide additional status information regarding your map:

The town completed a system Mapping Gap analysis to identify specific locations that may have mapping gaps to better target resources.

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.

- ☐ The outfall screening data is attached to the email submission
- ☒ The outfall screening data can be found at the following website:

<https://www.walpole-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/stormwater-information>

*Below, report on the number of outfalls/interconnections screened **during this reporting period.***

Number of outfalls screened: **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.

- ☐ The catchment investigation data is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The catchment investigation data can be found at the following 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.

- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report is attached to the email submission
- ☐ The illicit discharge removal report can be found at the following 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 the reporting period:**

MS4 coordinator attended CMRSWC training in May 2020.

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: 18

Number of inspections completed: 25

Number of enforcement actions taken: 2

Optional: Enter any additional information relevant to construction site plan reviews, inspections, and enforcement actions:

Site plan reviews, inspections and enforcements are conducted by the Conservation Agent under the Walpole Wetlands Protection Bylaw Regulations and the Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw and Regulations. Comments for stormwater management and erosion control installations are made to through Viewpoint when building permits applications are made.

MCM5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

Ordinance or Regulatory Mechanism

Below, select the option that describes your ordinance or regulatory mechanism progress.

- ☐ Bylaw, ordinance, or regulations are updated and adopted consistent with permit requirements
- ☒ Bylaw, ordinance, or regulations are updated consistent with permit requirements but are not yet adopted
- ☐ Bylaw, ordinance, or regulations have not been updated or adopted

As-built Drawings

Describe the measures the MS4 has utilized to require the submission of as-built drawings and ensure long term operation and maintenance of completed construction sites:

As-built plans are currently required under both the Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw and Regulations for sites 40,000 s.f or more. The Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw and Regulations also require operation and maintenance plans for stormwater treatment systems on new construction sites. Operation and Maintenance plans are recorded at the registry of deeds. Owners of BMPs are required to provide annual reports to the Conservation Commission.

Street Design and Parking Lots Report

Describe the status of the street design and parking lots assessment due in year 4 of the permit term, including any planned or completed changes to local regulations and guidelines:

Green Infrastructure Report

Describe the status of the green infrastructure report due in year 4 of the permit term, including the findings and progress towards making the practice allowable:

A green infrastructure and retrofit assessment was conducted by Fuss and O'Neil under an MVP grant. Summary report will be available on the website.

Retrofit Properties Inventory

Describe the status of the inventory, due in year 4 of the permit term, of permittee-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with BMPs to mitigate impervious areas and report on any properties that have been modified or retrofitted:

The Town has identified 10 town-owned properties primarily schools and town hall complex and completed conceptual designs for BMP's. Summary will be available on the website.

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:

The the catch basin is reported to the town DPW, the town reviews area and inspect for potential sources.

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:

O&M Procedures and Inventory of Permittee-Owned Properties

Below, check all that apply.

The following permittee-owned properties have been inventoried:

- ☒ Parks and open spaces
- ☒ Buildings and facilities
- ☐ Vehicles and equipment

The following O&M procedures for permittee-owned properties have been completed:

- ☒ Parks and open spaces
- ☒ Buildings and facilities
- ☒ Vehicles and equipment

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:

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 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

Optional: 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:

COVID-19 Impacts

Optional: If any of the above year 2 requirements could not be completed due to the impacts of COVID-19, please identify the requirement that could not be completed, any actions taken to attempt to complete the requirement, and reason the requirement could not be completed below:

The SWPPP were not conducted because the MS4 coordinator was unable to meet with department personal and walk sites between March-July and then a back log of other duties has slowed the process.

The public hearings to revise the Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw Regulations and Wetland Protection Act Bylaw Regulations to meet the MS4 requirements were continued due to covid-19 impacts and then due to a backlog of other applications scheduled for public hearings. The public hearing to review Blylaw regulation changes is scheduled for 10/28/2020.

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

Yes, I agree ☒

- Inspect all outfalls/ interconnections (excluding Problem and Excluded outfalls) for the presence of dry weather flow
- Complete follow-up ranking as dry weather screening becomes available

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 uncurbed streets at least annually
- Continue investigations of catchments associated with Problem Outfalls
- 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

Provide any additional details on activities planned for permit year 3 below:

The Town continues to work with Fuss and O'Neil on dry weather outfall investigations, testing and sampling. The Town will continue to catch up on Year two requirements that were not completed in year 2.

Part V: Certification of Small MS4 Annual Report 2020

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:

Landis Hershey

Title:

Stormwater Coordinator

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: stormwater.reports@epa.govMassDEP: laura.schifman@mass.gov

Paper Signature:

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