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Mail Code OEP06-4  
Boston, MA 02109-3912  
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RE: ROCHESTER – Request for MS4 Waiver from EPA

Dear Mr. Tedder:

In accordance with 40 CFR 123.35(d)(1), the Town of Rochester respectfully requests that EPA exercise its authority to grant an MS4 waiver to our Town. The Town of Rochester requests a waiver because the jurisdiction served by the system (461) is well under the minimum 1,000 required, and there are no intersections between impaired waters and urbanized areas. Attached please find three separate maps showing the Town of Rochester's Urbanized Area/Stormdrain Maps for North Avenue Route 105, Mary's Pond/County Roads, and Plumb Corner. The maps include existing pipes, road cuts, and catch basins; catch basins are color coded to designate those in which stormwater treatment is provided or not. The majority of discharges in all three sites flow into fields, woods, and bogs/reservoirs. There is no direct connection to either the Sippican River or New Bedford Reservoir. The Town of Rochester is not responsible for drainage along the majority of the length of Route 105; it is only responsible for the area in the northwest portion extremity.

The Town of Rochester believes that a waiver is justified for the following reasons:

- The 2010 Census estimate of 461 people in Rochester's "urbanized areas" is well below the 1000 threshold automatically designated to require an MS4 permit.
- According to MassDEP's Integrated List of Waters there are no locations in Rochester's urbanized area that are listed as impaired by stormwater, therefore EPA should exclude Rochester from the MS4 stormwater program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please feel free to contact this office with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Suzanne Szyndlar  
Town Administrator

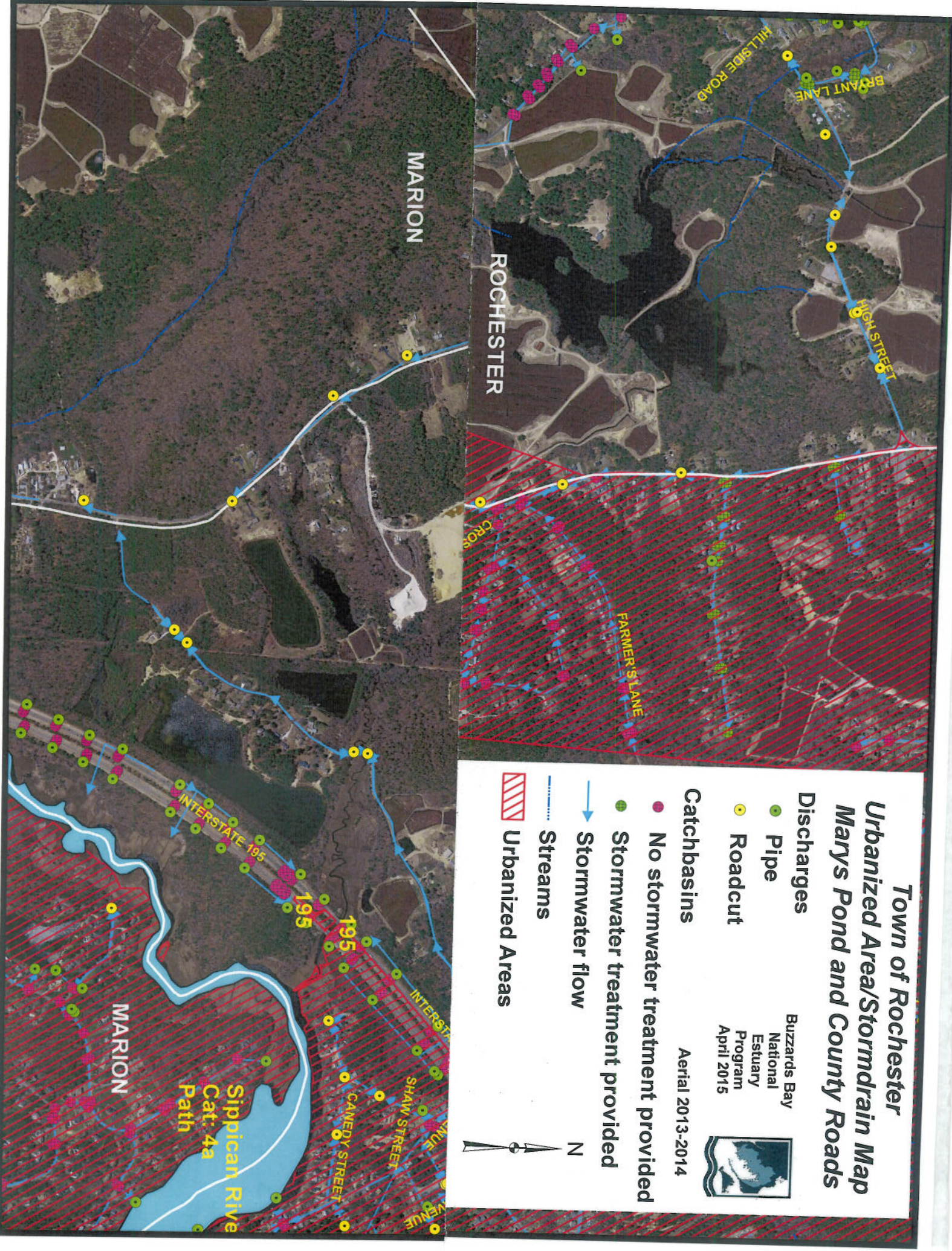
# **Town of Rochester** **Urbanized Area/Stormdrain Map** **Marys Pond and County Roads**

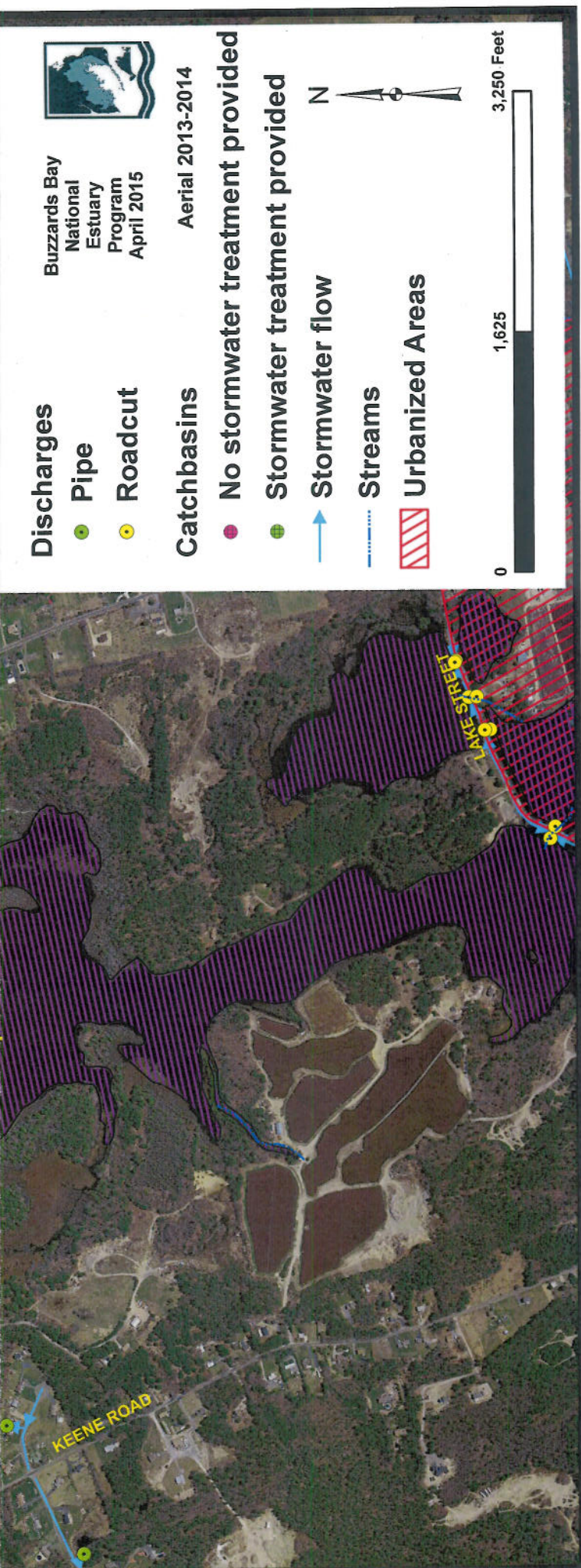
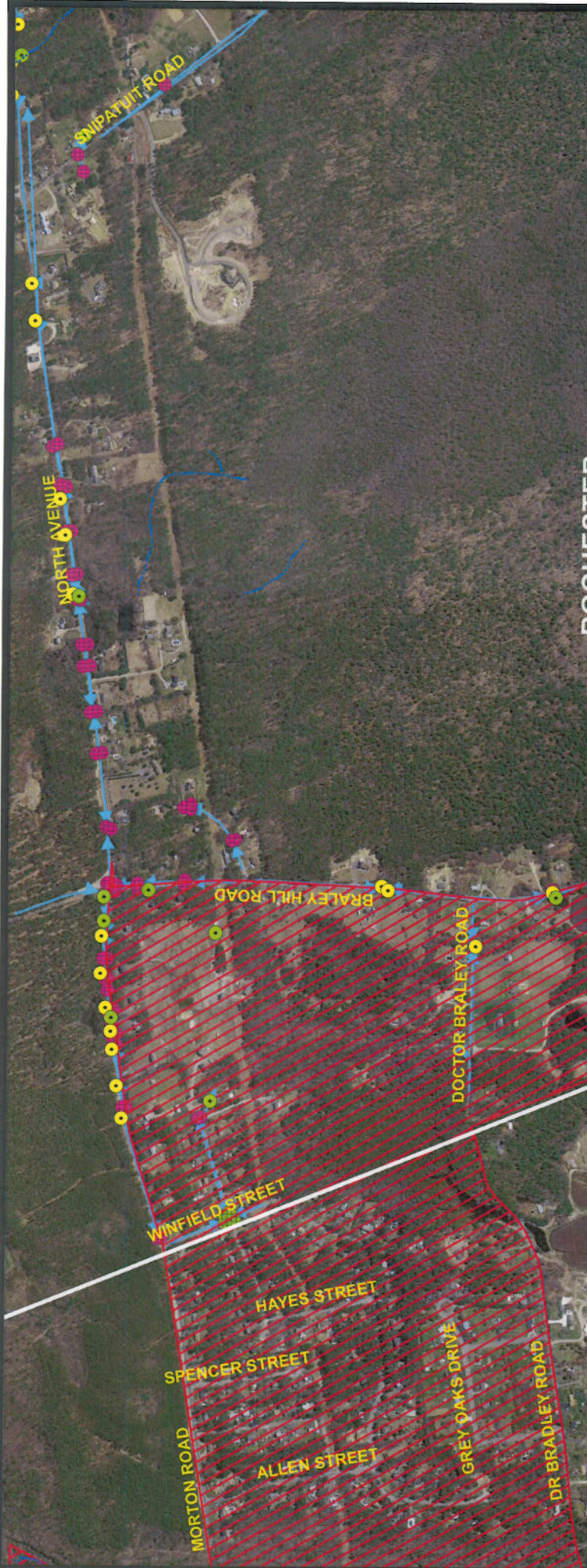
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Catchbasins  
 Aerial 2013-2014

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# Town of Rochester Urbanized Area/Stormdrain Map Plumb Corner

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