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NPDES PII Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report

Part I. General Information

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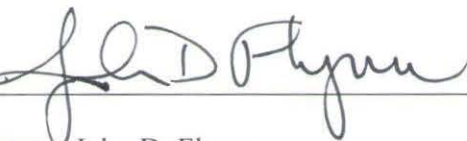
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Part II. Self-Assessment

REPORT OF THE STORMWATER COMMITTEE

In March of 2003, the Town of Hampden submitted a Notice of Intent describing the five year Stormwater Management Program as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Program consists of various tasks and timelines which address 6 Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) as outlined by the EPA. Since that time, the Town has addressed the 6 MCMs, with significant input from Stormwater Committee members.

The Committee forwarded the goals of EPA's 6 MCMs by implementing tasks delineated in the Notice of Intent/Stormwater Management Program. Many of the tasks started by the Committee continue to be implemented by others, including the Highway Department, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and teachers at the Thornton Burgess Middle School. The required stormwater-related bylaws have been enacted and are being enforced by the Town.

As required by Part II.D.1 of the 2003 General Permit, as part of developing this Annual Report, the Town evaluated compliance of the Stormwater Management Program with the conditions of EPA's 2003 NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small MS4s. The Town has made substantial progress implementing BMPs defined in the written Stormwater Management Plan and in meeting permit requirements.

Also, as required by Part II.D.2 of the 2003 General Permit, the Town evaluated the appropriateness of selected BMPs in efforts towards achieving the defined measurable goals and has determined that previously selected BMPs and measurable goals continue to be appropriate. However, we determined that the annual report needs to clarify how the Town's program meets the final Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Long Island Sound Watershed (see Section 7 of this report).

The effort and dedication of the Committee and Community volunteers as well as Town staff make this program a success.

Part III. Summary of Minimum Control Measures

1. Public Education and Outreach

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
1A	Educational Displays	Board of Health (Stormwater Committee)	One display at municipal building per year. Year 1-5	Large poster on stormwater and the construction industry continued to be displayed in town hall.	Change poster in town hall annually
Revised				The same poster was also placed in the Planning Board Office to target construction industry professionals.	
1B	Educational Pamphlets	Board of Health (Stormwater committee)	One town-wide mailing per year. Year 1-5	Made Stormwater Best Management Practices crossword puzzle available in all Town Public Schools and Libraries.	Continue to educate the public by providing educational information at public locations
Revised					
1C	Classroom Education	School Department	One Stormwater topic per year minimum (7 th through 8 th grade) Year 1-5	Incorporated water quality into curriculum for grades 7 and 8. 7 th Grade topics included Erosion and Water Quality Monitoring. 8 th Grade topics include Environmental Action.	Continue to teach Stormwater topics through future years and modify as necessary. School plans to add Nutrient Cycle curricula for 8 th grade as budget and staff time allow.
Revised					
1D	Community Website & Hotline	Board of Selectman	Post information and link to DEP Website	Maintained Stormwater Committee information on Town Website along with a committee list, links to MassDEP and EPA websites, and household, construction and commercial–related educational information. Added seasonal lawn care item in Permit Year 12.	Update web page annually as necessary.
Revised					

1E	Hazardous Waste Collection Day	Board of Health	Publicize and support annual 5-town collection event.	Published press release for Hazardous Waste Collection day which was held on September 13, 2014. This event included East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Hampden, Ludlow and Wilbraham. During the event approximately 92 gallons of waste were collected from approximately 9 vehicles from Hampden. The Town also advertised and hosted a Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Day. 40 pounds of drugs were collected from the September 27, 2014 event.	Continue to support a hazardous waste collection day.
Revised					

1a. Additions

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2. Public Involvement and Participation

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
2A	Adopt-a-Road	Board of Health/DPW	Support Annual pickup of urban area roads, year 1-5	Adopt-a-Road program held a successful cleanup event on May 17 th and 18 th , 2014. Various civic groups participated, including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the VFW, Fire Department, Lumberjack Club and the Lions Club.	Continue Adopt-a-Road program
Revised					

2B	Storm Drain Stenciling	DPW	Form program, Target 10% of Town's catch basins annually, year 1-5.	In Permit Year 12, DPW staff re-stenciled a few catch basins in the target area where stencils had worn off. Stencil says "no dumping drains to waterway." In pervious permit year, DPW identified 240 priority catch basins in urbanized area. The Hampden DPW enlisted the help of the Boy Scouts of America to stencil 240 catch basins in years 1 through 5. The catch basins were re-stenciled in 2010 as part of an Eagle Scout project	Scheduled additional catch basin stenciling or re-stenciling as needed
Revised					
2C	Stormwater Committee	Planning Board	Initiate and set agenda year 1. Administer SMP year 2-5	The Hampden Stormwater Committee was formed in September 2003 by The Planning Board. The committee consisted of seven volunteers from the community, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, DPW, and School Department. The Committee did not formally meet in permit year 12, however, various staff and volunteers coordinated and communicated on stormwater-related issues as needed.	Continue to develop and administer the Town's SMP and monitor stormwater related activities. Upon reissuance of the General Permit, Hampden will recommence the committee to develop the strategic management plan.
Revised					
2D	Attitude Survey	Planning Board	1 st survey to set baseline year 2. 2 nd survey to measure progress and awareness in year 5.	Survey was developed and results analyzed in year 6. No surveys were planned for Permit Year 12.	Attitude Survey Completed. BMP Measurable Goal Achieved.
Revised					

2a. Additions

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3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
3A	Mapping Stormwater outfalls	DPW	Compile map year 1. Field inspect /verify 25% of outfalls annually year 2-5.	The Town has met the 2003 General Permit requirements for MS4 mapping and has GIS data that includes all outfalls and receiving waterbodies in the Urbanized Area. The Town also undertook an extensive effort to inventory outfalls with the help of local Eagle Scouts in permit year 2. Outfalls at bridges were inspected and photographed during fall 2012. These inventories resulted in development of a binder that includes photographs, condition, location, size, type, etc. for each outfall in the urbanized area.	BMP complete – measureable goal met. Continue field verification of outfalls and correct map as needed.
Revised					
3B	DPW Employee Education	DPW	Training under BMP #6C year 1 to recognize Illicit discharges. Annual refresher years 2-5.	DPW employees receive a refresher course each spring on illicit discharges, common signs of contamination in catch basins and actions to follow if such contaminants are found.	Annual refresher and expanded training as necessary.
Revised					

3C	Non-Stormwater discharge ordinance	Board of Health/Planning Board	Evaluate existing procedures Year 1. Draft by-law Year 2. Proposed for adoption Year 3. Enforce Years 4-5.	Chapter XIV – Stormwater Management By-law was approved at April 25, 2005 Town Meeting. This bylaw prohibits non-stormwater discharges to the MS4 and includes enforcement authority.	Continue to monitor and implement illicit discharge bylaw.
Revised				At the April 2015 Town Meeting, an additional section was added to the zoning bylaw that regulates renewable energy generation sites, including site work.	
3D	Develop Illicit Discharge Plan	Board of Selectman	Evaluate and draft plan year 1. Propose for adoption Year 2. Implement Years 3-5.	Town staff continues to look for illicit discharges and evidence of pollution in the MS4.	Continue inspections, issuance of notices to violators, and follow-up on identified illicit discharge and illicit discharge removal solutions.
Revised				In March 2014, used threat of enforcement action under the bylaw to require cleanup of substantial erosion impacting Town's MS4.	
Revised					

3a. Additions

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4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
4A	Construction Runoff Ordinance	Planning Board	Evaluate Existing Regulations Year 1. Draft revisions Year 2. Propose for adoption Year 3. Enforce Years 3-5.	Developed an erosion control bylaw for construction and post construction activities. Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management Bylaw was approved at April 28, 2008 Town Meeting. Implemented and monitored new erosion control bylaw.	Continue to implement and monitor new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw. Continue to notify violators and perform follow up checks to ensure compliance.
Revised					
4B	Construction Plan Review	Planning Board	Enforce under existing Town regulations Years 1 and 2. Enforce under adopted bylaw Years 3-5.	Planning Board reviews construction plans under the Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.	Continue to review construction under new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.
Revised					
4C	Inspection / Reporting	Building Inspector	Enforce under existing Town regulations Years 1 and 2. Enforce under adopted bylaw Years 3-5.	Town Staff inspected construction sites as needed to verify erosion and sediment controls were properly utilized in accordance with the Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.	Continuing inspection and reporting under new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaws. Continue to notify violators and perform follow up checks to ensure compliance.
Revised					
4D	Building Permit Application	Building Inspector	Include requirement for sites >1 acre to supply EPA permit number to trigger notice Year 1.	Require compliance with Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.	Require compliance with Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.
Revised					

4a. Additions

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5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
5A	Post Construction Runoff Ordinance	Planning Board	Evaluate current regulations Year 1. Draft amendments Year 2. Propose adoption for Year 3. Enforce Years 3-5.	Developed an Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw for construction and post construction activities. Bylaw was approved at April 28, 2008 Town Meeting. Implemented and monitored Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.	Continue to implement and monitor new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw. Continue to notify violators or potential violators, and perform follow up checks to ensure compliance.
Revised					
5B	Site Plan Review	Planning Board	Enforce under existing Town regulations Years 1 and 2. Enforce under adopted bylaw Years 3-5.	Planning Board reviewing construction plans under new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.	Continue to review construction documents for compliance with the Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.
Revised					
5C	Stormwater System Management Plan	Planning Board	Enforce under existing Town regulations Years 1 and 2. Enforce under adopted bylaw Years 3-5.	Continuing inspection and reporting under new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaw.	Continuing inspection and reporting under new Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management bylaws.
Revised					
5D	Training of Town Officials	Board of Selectman	Initial Training on new bylaws Year 3.	No measurable goals were planned for Permit Year 12.	Town officials have incorporated new bylaws into project review, permitting, and enforcement. Measureable goal met – BMP complete.
Revised					

5a. Additions

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6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations

BMP ID #	BMP Description	Responsible Dept./Person Name	Measurable Goal(s)	Progress on Goal(s) – Permit Year 12 (Reliance on non-municipal partners indicated, if any)	Planned Activities
6A Revised	Municipal Maintenance Activity Program	Board of Health	Evaluate and draft additional policies as necessary Year 1. Comply Years 2-5.	In a previous permit year, town staff reviewed policies and procedures regarding Municipal Maintenance and developed policies for addressing waste oil, educating employees, and other applicable municipal maintenance and pollution prevention activities. Staff implemented policies as needed throughout Permit Year 12.	Review and update as necessary.
6B Revised	Training of Municipal Employees	Board of Health/DPW	Initial training year 2. Annual refresher Years 3-5.	Employees have been trained on stormwater management, pollution prevention, and good housekeeping. New employees are trained and informed of the requirements and items they should be able to identify and either correct or report to the Superintendent.	Hold annual refresher training for current staff, and, as needed, train new employees on municipal pollution prevention and good housekeeping.
6C Revised	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	Board of Selectman	Compliance with SWPPP Years 1-5.	Stormwater pollution prevention plan has been developed for the Transfer Station.	Review plan annually and revise as necessary. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will be developed for the DPW once EPA requirements for highway departments have been finalized.
6D Revised	Catch Basin Cleaning Program	DPW	Clean 15% in urbanized area Year 1. Clean 25% of remaining Years 2-5.	37% of catch basins were inspected and cleaned in the urbanized area of Hampden. Materials were properly disposed of within the guidelines of a DEP issued BUD. 100% of streets in the urbanized areas were swept once in Spring 2014.	Continue to inspect, prioritize and clean catch basins as required.

6a. Additions

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7. BMPs for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations (WLA)

Per Part I.D.3. of the General Permit, “if the MS4 is required to implement storm water waste load allocation provisions of the TMDL, the permittee must assess whether the WLA is being met through implementation of existing storm water control measures or if additional control measures are necessary. The permittee’s assessment of whether the WLA is being met is expected to focus on the adequacy of the permittee’s storm water controls (implementation and maintenance), not on the response of the receiving water.” Hampden’s MS4 discharges into waterbodies within the Long Island Sound watershed, which has a Final TMDL for Total Nitrogen. Because the TMDL is for a pollutant likely to be found in storm water discharges from Hampden’s MS4, our Stormwater Management Program includes the following existing stormwater control measures, as reported in the above Annual Report, that address total Nitrogen:

- Community Website & Hotline (BMP 1D)
- Adopt-a-Road (BMP 2A)
- Stencil Storm drains (BMP 2B)
- DPW Employee Education (BMP 3B)
- Construction Reviews (BMP 4B, BMP 4C, BMP 5B)
- Municipal Maintenance Activity Program (BMP 6A)
- Catch Basin Cleaning Program (BMP 6D)
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (BMP 6C)
- Street sweeping (BMP 6D)

Part IV. Summary of Information Collected and Analyzed

The Town continues to inspect outfalls and catch basins, and issues notices and works with property owners to address any illegal discharges into Hampden’s MS4 system.